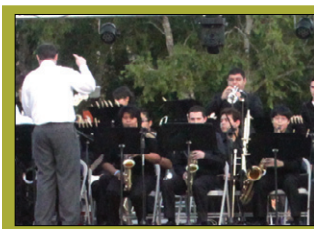




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Profs, students voice transition worries

Faculty to trustees: Talk to us *TSC tuition 'will decrease'*

By Daniel Beltrán
THE COLLEGIAN

In a meeting with Texas Southmost College's transition consultants, UTB/TSC faculty expressed their concern about job security and accreditation, as well as their frustration with the lack of information on the separation of Texas Southmost College and the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Consultants Robert Furgason and John Anthony met with about 20 members and officers of the Academic Senate April 15 to discuss the separation, which is scheduled to take place no later than August 2015.

"Our job is to assist the community college in this transition," Furgason said. "... One of the very first things in here is to get some permanent administrators for the community college."

The TSC consultants have met with the UT-Brownsville transition team once.

Furgason said over the last 20 years, the community college and UTB have been woven together. It's not something you can take scissors and cut right through, he added.

"What we have to do is unweave it, almost a thread at a time, and then re-weave into

the two institutions in their new capacities and missions," Furgason said, adding that both institutions are working for the same objective. "It isn't an us vs. them. If it gets into an us vs. them in there, it's going to be a mess."

He said another issue is when the separation between TSC and UT-Brownsville is formal, UT-Brownsville won't need as many faculty members "because they have fewer students."

"That transition is going to be one that has to be dealt with as far as the administrative group is concerned," Furgason said. "And that's going to depend a considerable amount on how many students are enrolled in each one of the institutions."

Once the consultants let the audience ask questions, Faculty Associate Betsy Price asked who will be on the team to hire the new president of Texas Southmost College.

Anthony replied: "That will be discussed, probably, at the next [TSC] board [of trustees] meeting. That decision will rest with the board. ... Our recommendation

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By Cleiri Quezada
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Texas Southmost College Transition Team leader Robert Furgason discussed transition plans for TSC with the Student Government Association April 15 in the Gorgas Hall board room.

SGA President Jorge Muñoz asked how TSC would provide a better education with fewer funds than the University of Texas System can provide for UT-Brownsville.

"Well, I think it's very possible," Furgason responded. "I have looked at the resources that are available to an independent Texas Southmost and between the property taxes, the state appropriations that comes through the state legislature, student aid that comes from federal grants, as well as student tuitions. I don't see that TSC is going to be a financial disaster; it is not. There are resources available. The question then is on the tuition business."

Furgason is one of two consultants hired by the Texas Southmost College board of trustees to assist with the transition as the college and the University of Texas at Brownsville become autonomous

institutions. The schools had a partnership agreement for 20 years, but are scheduled to officially separate by 2015.

Muñoz was also concerned with students not being informed about decisions being made by the TSC board of trustees.

"Sir, many of the people that have been hired by the TSC board, there's a lot of times that they say, 'Oh, we care about what the students think, students are our No. 1 customer because that's our product.' What are you going to do personally to keep us part of the transition because you were brought on the board without any of the students being asked. The lawyers were brought on board without the students being asked. ... I'm not saying that we want to be the only say-so, but it would be nice for them to show some sort of respect that they do believe that the students are the No. 1 priority, that they take our voices into consideration," he said. "I know that you guys are ready to hire a president. How are we gonna be involved in that?"

Furgason replied: "We are consultants

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'FREE SNIFFING'



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Debbie Cox, of Perennial Favorites, sells a potted herb during Thursday's Earth Day celebration on the Student Union lawn. Cox also sells herbs, vegetables and butterfly plants at the Brownsville Farmers' Market.

Helping the planet and saving some green

By Rene Cardona Jr.
THE COLLEGIAN

Who would have thought that going green doesn't always mean wind farms, solar panels or reusable Walmart bags--things that cost you extra bucks--when being environmentally friendly can help save cash while cutting carbon dioxide emissions.

Jennifer Morales Muñoz, a graduate public policy student, will help UTB/TSC this summer by conducting an energy audit as part of a paid fellowship with the Climate Corps, a subproject of the Environmental Defense Fund, a U.S.-based nonprofit environmental organization dealing with issues ranging from global warming to

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Briefs

Bougainvillea elections
Elections for the **Bougainvillea Ball royal court** will take place on Blackboard from 8 a.m. today to 5 p.m. Wednesday. The ball will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union’s Gran Salon. Attire is semiformal. Admission is free with a UTB/TSC Sting Card ID. Guests will be charged \$5. For more information, call Student Development Specialist **Stephen Cisneros** at 882-5139 or send him an e-mail at stephen.cisneros@utb.edu.

Learning Enrichment workshops
The **Learning Enrichment** Department will conduct the “**Preparing for Final Exams Workshop II**” at 2 p.m. today and will conduct the “**Preparing for Your Math Final**” workshop at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Cardenas Hall North 116. For more information, call 882-8208.

‘Dress for Success’ fashion show
The **Title V S.T.E.M. Learning Communities** program is collecting clothing donations from faculty and staff for its “**Dress for Success Fashion Show**,” which will take place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday on the Student Union’s lawn. For more information, call Title V Career Counselor **Amira Maya** at 882-5792.

‘Day of the Children’
United Way of Southern Cameron County’s Success by 6 program and **Workforce Solutions Cameron** will sponsor **Day of the Children/Day of the Books** from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the **Ethel Whipple Memorial Library in Los Fresnos**, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday in Brownsville’s **Dean Porter Park large pavilion** and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday in the **Port Isabel Public Library**. The event will feature games, activities, rides, shows, early literacy screenings, book readings, giveaways, food and resources. For more information, call 548-6880.

Cultural Mosaic Auction
The **International Student Organization** will have an **artwork sale** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the **Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library**. For more information, call International Student Organization President **Constanza Burciaga** at 203-4141 or send her an e-mail at iso.utb@gmail.com.

Denim Day
Friendship of Women Inc. is asking UTB/TSC students, faculty and staff to make a social statement by wearing jeans on Wednesday to protest against misconceptions that surround sexual assault. The community is also invited to attend an information session on sexual assault awareness and prevention from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the same day outside Cortez Hall. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the **UTB/TSC Dean of Students Office**. For more information, call 544-7412.

Career exploration workshop
The **Student Success Center** will conduct a workshop titled “**Career Searching in a Chaotic World**” at noon Wednesday in Cardenas Hall North 113. For more information, call 882-8292.

Medical Lab Technology open house
UTB/TSC will conduct a **Medical Laboratory Technology Program Open House** from 10 a.m. to noon and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday in Life and Health Sciences Building room 1.208. For more information, call Assistant Master Technical Instructor **Consuelo Villalon** at 882-5047.

Silent film festival
The **Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, the **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Filmoteca**, the **Brownsville Historical Association**, **Historian Rogelio Agrasánchez** and the **Consulate of Mexico in Brownsville** will screen the silent films “**La Banda del Automóvil Gris**” Thursday and “**Tepeyac**” May 12 in the Alonso Building, located at 510 E. St. Charles St. The films will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and will be accompanied by UTB/TSC pianist **Jesus Guillermo Morales Campos**. Admission is free. For more information, call 554-4965.

Midnight bowling
The **After Hours Club** will conduct **Midnight Bowling** starting at 11 p.m. Friday at the Galaxy Bowling Center located at 3451 Pablo Kisel Blvd. Admission is \$12 per person. For more information, call Assistant Professor **Leslie Meyer** at 882-7384 or send an e-mail to afterhoursclub7@hotmail.com.

Zumba class
The **Health and Human Performance Department** will conduct a **Zumba class** from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Brownsville Sports Park located at 1000 Sports Park Blvd. For more information, call Associate Professor **Zelma Mata** at 882-8291 or send her an e-mail at zelma.mata@utb.edu.

UTB/TSC Outdoor Expo
The **South Texas Engineering, Math and Science** program will host its first **UTB/TSC Outdoor Expo** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on the Cardenas Hall South Lawn. Activities will include kayaking, biking, birding and plant identification. Admission is free. For more information, call 882-5855.

Family campout basics
Resaca de La Palma State Park invites the public to camp with experienced park rangers and learn the basics starting at 3 p.m. Saturday and May 28 at the Resaca de la Palma State Park, located at 1000 New Carmen Rd. Spaces are limited. For registration information, call 350-2920.

First-aid course
Campus Recreation will offer a **First-Aid course** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 7 in the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. This class will help students identify and eliminate potentially hazardous conditions in their environment, recognize emergencies and make appropriate decisions for first-aid care. The cost of the course is \$25. For more information, call 882-5976.

‘Rock ‘n’ Beats’ fest
The **Student Radio Club** will sponsor a “**Rock ‘n’ Beats**” fest starting at 4 p.m. May 7 on the Student Union’s lawn and La Sala. This event will include hip-hop and acoustic artists, DJ’s and bands. Student organizations interested in fundraising at the event may send an e-mail to the club at the-src@hotmail.com. For more information, call 882-5843.

Mount Calvary services
Mount Calvary Christian Church conducts services from 11 a.m. to noon every Sunday at 712 N. 77 Sunshine Strip, Suite 11, in Harlingen. The church holds a support group meeting for the GLBT community, family and friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Bible study from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 551-6275 or visit www.mtcalvarycc.org.

Conversation groups
The **Learning Enrichment** Department offers **Spanish Conversation** at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Cardenas Hall North 102 and **French Conversation** at 4:30 p.m. every Monday in Cardenas Hall North 107. These group conversations are enjoyable ways to learn and practice with classmates. For more information, call 882-8208.

Peace rally
UTB/TSC’s **Campus Outreach** will host a **Peace Rally** from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday outside Tandy Hall (across from McDonald’s). For more information, send an e-mail to tepeyacwalkco@aol.com.

Job opportunity
Pronto Insurance has positions available in marketing, human resources, accounting, training, IT, underwriting and claims. The company also hires administrative assistants and in most cases can work with students’ school schedules. To apply, send your résumé to careers@prontoinsurance.com. Pronto Insurance is located at 805 Media Luna, Ste. 100, in Brownsville. For more information, call Recruitment Manager **Mary Gonzalez** at 574-9787, Ext. 8009.

--Compiled by Daniel Beltrán

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Police Reports



Following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between March 28 and April 1.

At 12:41 p.m. March 28, a student reported that he had an altercation involving verbal arguments he had with another student while in the International Technology Education Commerce Center parking lot.

At 12:09 a.m. March 30, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to Lot AB regarding a suspicious man looking into vehicles and possibly carrying a cloth wire

hanger. The man matching the description said he was searching for his brother.

At 4:21 p.m. the same day, an officer on patrol observed two students involved in a verbal altercation. One of the students reported that the other student was in possession of her cell phone and would not return it. The student then returned the cell phone and the reporting student did not wish to press charges or get the other student “in trouble.”

At 11:32 a.m. April 1, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to the Endowment Courtyard when a student started a fire. The student said he threw a lighted cigarette butt inside a puddle of nail polish, which

caught fire. The student was referred to the Dean of Students Office.

At 1:47 p.m. the same day, a Campus Police officer was dispatched to Student Health Services in reference to an injured student. The student said she was injured the day before, when the Scorpion Metro made a sudden stop and she struck the adjacent seat with the left side of her head. The student was transported to Valley Baptist Medical Center-Brownsville.

--Compiled by Alejandra González

Doing it all to make a difference

Three student leaders recognized for achievement in leadership and engagement

By Héctor Aguilar
SPANISH EDITOR

Every semester, the Dean of Students Office recognizes meritorious graduating UTB/TSC student leaders by awarding a class ring to acknowledge their efforts in making a difference.

This semester’s three Scorpion Leadership Ring recipients are senior music education major Olga de León, senior education major Michael Padrón and senior psychology major Jorge Muñoz.

Muñoz, who is president of the Student Government Association, will graduate this semester. He is being recognized for his volunteer work on and off campus and his involvement in the One World Club, a sociology student organization in which students are able to discuss topics that may be taboo and exchange feedback.

He said volunteering allows one to “get past the red tape” and “go directly to the source.” It also allows one to get a feel of the opportunities that are available.

“When you’re in the classroom, they teach you theory,” Muñoz said. “All they really do is they tell you ‘if this happens, this is what you should do.’ However, sometimes that doesn’t always happen. ... Sometimes we get hit with the reality and the reality isn’t always the Cinderella story we see in the cartoons. Sometimes you get some things that are unexpected. ... It gives you some of that life-sense that you won’t ever get in a book.”

His postgraduation plans include pursuing a master’s degree in community counseling and being employed full time. One of his biggest accomplishments, he said, is getting people to believe in SGA once more.

Also recognized for her leadership skills is Olga de León, who attended schools in Laredo and San Antonio and found herself in Brownsville in what she referred to as “by far the best decision ever [because of UTB/TSC’s] music program.”

The Laredo native transferred to UTB/TSC in 2008 and has been actively involved in music-related



Jorge Muñoz



Olga de León



Michael Padrón

events throughout her college career. The organizations she has been part of include Future Aspiring Music Educators, (FAME), and the Collegiate Texas Music Educators (CTME), where she became the director of internal operations and finance. With the help of the UTB/TSC Music Department and its chair, Sue Zanne Urbis, and the Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts, they founded the Brownsville String Musician Artist Retention and Training Orchestra (SMART Orchestra).

De León has provided free string-based lessons to students at Castañeda and Skinner elementary schools as well.

After realizing that students completing elementary education in Brownsville did not have any opportunities to join an orchestra, de León decided to do something about it.

“That’s why I created the Brownsville SMART Orchestra, to have those kids have an outlet because in elementary they’ll have strings and then they go nowhere,” she said. “They either go to another program or drop music as a whole.”

The Brownsville SMART Orchestra is comprised of 25 students, including elementary students in third to seventh grades, and UTB/TSC students who play as well as teach the younger members.

“Extracurricular activities set you apart from everybody else,” de León said. “I mean, why waste your time in college and be playing videogames like you did in high school ... [when] you can be making a difference. Believe it or not, you can make a difference as a college student.”

De León, said she will keep fighting for string orchestra programs in middle and high schools after graduating in December and will either complete a master’s degree at UTB/TSC or work in Harlingen.

Also graduating in December, Michael Padrón has been part of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Education, Scorpion Scholars, the Center for Civic Engagement Scholars, Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges and president of C.H.A.N.G.E. He has also been on the President’s List, Dean’s List and received the Scholastic Excellence Award for bilingual education.

Padrón believes that being involved on campus allows one to gain knowledge about what organizations are available to students and he receives a sense of fulfillment from the assistance.

“It’s very fulfilling to go out and help at places like the Buena Vida Learning Center, which is for disadvantaged families,” he said. “So, it’s really rewarding to see that those kids have a good time with you and they know that somebody is there for them. ... It’s been inspirational and I’ve matured a lot through my being involved here at UTB.”

After graduation, Padrón plans to attend graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin and is looking at law school as well.

The Student Leadership Ring tradition began about five years ago, said David Márquez, a judicial affairs coordinator for the Dean of Students Office.

“It is very competitive,” Márquez

said. “When I read through these applications, I say, ‘Wow, how do they find the time?’ They truly are leaders of the future, the movers and shakers of the community. They find a way to do it all and that’s why they so deserve the acknowledgment.”

The recognition is not unique to UTB/TSC.

“It is a practice in a lot of schools. ... It is a competition, a contest, to recognize students who have been leaders on campus through various venues,” said Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. “One is of course academics. ... The other one is involvement on campus, leadership, as well as service.”

When considering a leader holistically, there are three aspects: engagement in school, leadership and giving back to others, Fuentes-Martin said.

A committee comprised of about eight faculty and staff evaluate application packages that candidates submit. Applicants must have completed at least 75 credit hours or be graduating the semester in which they apply or the following one, have a grade-point average of at least 2.75 and submit two letters of recommendation from faculty and/or staff.

Muñoz, de León and Padrón will receive their rings along with graduating students during the Ring Ceremony, scheduled to take place at 5 p.m. May 6 in the Student Union’s Gran Salon. UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García will be the keynote speaker. During the ceremony, the Scorpion Leadership Ring recipients are presented by the dean of their college and then they proceed to “the dipping of the ring hand.” During this tradition, the recipient dips his or her hand into a special orange, rectangular pedestal fountain containing blue-dyed water, which stains the person’s hand.

“We dye the water blue and we ask students to put their hand in it. ... It stains your hand so that way, I joke with them, that when people say, ‘What happened to your hand?’ you can say, ‘I got my ring,’” Fuentes-Martin said.

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What's Your Beef?

The sense behind 2 cents

"My beef is when people say their opinions about the government, or the president, or Congress and they don't even know, they have no education on it, they don't even know what they are talking about. ... And it upsets me even more ... how they show on the news people's opinions [that have] nothing to do with what the conflict is, and it just shows their ignorance ... [because] what they are saying has nothing to do with the problem that's going on. I think people could avoid that if people look up the problem. ... I don't think you should put in your 2 cents if you don't have something to back it up."

Gloria Rodriguez
Sophomore government major

Oh, Advising

"I think that some of the students here at UTB are not getting the best advice from their advisers. I've seen a lot of students who are taking more credit hours than they should be, so they're doomed to fail. And in Summer [I and II], I've seen a problem where students that are only going to be taking classes for five weeks instead of 15--and advisers are recommending that students--take six, seven, or even eight credit hours ... and that's too much. Advisers need to take into consideration if the student is going to be working or if the student doesn't speak English so well."

Michelle Wright
Freshman biology major

Little library

"My beef would be [that] I'm not too pleased with the design of the [University Boulevard] Library. Even though it's three floors, the actual square footage is smaller than the old library. There's less books, less reference material available, and the fact that we have to check out books that are not available and they have to go back all the way to the old library to get the material. It's kind of a hassle, especially when doing research papers. ... They put more emphasis on office space rather than reference material. There's a lot more offices in all the three floors. ... They have a little café area ... but I really would have been much more pleased if they would have used it for reference material instead of just students to hang out."

Andrew Moncada
Junior art major

--Compiled by Rene Cardona Jr.
--Photos by Leslie Barrientos



Expressing the Brownsville Cheezmeh

By Francisco Garza
THE COLLEGIAN



In this country, we love our freedom of speech provided by the First Amendment. I know I love it; I express my ideas weekly to you, as long as you are willing

to read them. You are also in your First Amendment right to express yourself if you disagree with me, by sending a letter to the editor. I read every letter sent regarding my columns and I take every advice or criticism respectfully. You may have heard of the online group known as Brownsville Cheezmeh.

Despite being only four months old, the group has gained tremendous popularity for its hard stances on such issues as the UTB/TSC partnership agreement, the City of Brownsville's plastic bag ban and the upcoming city elections. Although it operates mainly from its Facebook page, the group has expressed its opinions in city meetings and other public events. Now, you may disagree with them, or you may not. You may agree on some stances, but disagree completely on others. But, you cannot deny this group is using its First Amendment right, freedom of speech. I contacted the operator of the website for this column. He asked to remain anonymous. "The only thing that the group has tried to do is to express their opinions," he said to me via telephone. "... The group started with the only purpose [of giving the] people [a] voice. ... A lot of us feel we have no control," he said, referring to how the city is being handled. "Cheezmeh" said he believes citizens need to be aware of what happens in the city. "We want accountability, we want

transparency. We want our elected officials to serve the community not themselves," he said. The group has been criticized for its methods by local city officials.

Whether you agree with its ideology or methods, Cheezmeh believes it is providing a forum for the community to exercise its First Amendment right. "Brownsville Cheezmeh is not one

"On Facebook, there have been exchanges between members of the group and elected officials that have been less than friendly, even insulting."
--Francisco Garza

On Facebook, there have been exchanges between members of the group and elected officials that have been less than friendly, even insulting. Cheezmeh believes elected officials are scared of them. "They are afraid because the group is gaining ground on them," he said.

Letter to the Editor

Pop quiz
Here are some questions I would like answered by the Brownsville city election candidates, mayoral and commission:
Are you opposed to the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's plan to build the West Loop Parkway/Toll Road?
If you are, are you prepared to use all the city's legal and persuasive powers to *stop* the road?
And once it is stopped, are you prepared to work for the eight-mile railroad bed to become a bike, hike, nature and walking trail?
And, would you work for the construction of a seven-acre park just to the east of Russell Elementary School?
And, would you begin to extricate the city from the \$2 million of special tax funds that go annually to the Sports Park?
And, will you stop the city's participation and funding in the "shadow government" known as Imagine Brownsville?
And, will you order the police to strictly enforce speeding, stop sign and vehicle registration and inspection laws?

And, will you continue the plastic bag ban?
And, will you work for curbside recycling?
And, will you direct the PUB to seek alternative (green) energy sources?
And, will you declare Brownsville a "sanctuary city"?

Eugene "Gene" Novogrodsky
Brownsville

Clarification
In the April 18 issue of *The Collegian*, it was reported that a bachelor's degree in education or social work is required of applicants for UTB/TSC advisers. In fact, it is only preferred.
Correction
In the same issue, an article about the Student Government Association meeting quoted UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia as saying, "They're TSC auditors, talk to your own mother because it's good data," in reference to the events leading up to the UTB and TSC split. Garcia said "auditor," not "mother."

Editor’s Note: The City of Brownsville will conduct elections May 14 for mayor, commissioner at Large A, and District 1, 2 and 4 commissioners. Staff Writers Rene Cardona Jr., Héctor Aguilar, Francisco Garza, Alejandra González and Christine Cavazos interviewed those running for commissioner at Large A and District 4. The rest of the candidates will be presented next week.



Name: Leticia Perez Garzoria
Hometown: Brownsville
Age: 60
Education: Received a nursing certificate from Texas Southmost College in 1970. Received a theology degree from *El Seminario Biblico Bautista de Brownsville*. Attended *El Colegio de Teología de El Salvador*
Family: Widowed; two children
Occupation: Vocational nurse
Position you are seeking: Commissioner At Large “A”
Experience: Sold for Amway, Mary Kay, Avon, Mason Shoes, DME Medical Supply Contractor, Home Interiors, Sarah Coventry Jewelry and was a private real estate investor. Has volunteered at Ebony Lake and Brownsville Good Samaritan nursing homes. Also volunteered in the music and gospel ministry at Mother of Perpetual Help.
What are your accomplishments and how do you think they have prepared you for being commissioner? “I am a single parent. I have raised my children on my own since [they were] 7 and 9 years old. I have had to make ends meet with several jobs. Not only one job, but I believe in taking two and three jobs. If we are going to give our children the kinds of things we would like for them to have, we need to do a little bit more in our part. ... Being able to bring up my two children and being able to do it well. ... I take my career in nursing very seriously. I’ve done very good work. I believe that nursing experience teaches you everything about life. You see people at their worst, in the worst part of their life between life and death. ... That prepares you for challenges. The challenges in life are not always sweet. I believe my nursing career has given me a great deal of empathy, not sympathy but empathy, for the human race and my town.”
What challenges face the city and how will you address them? “Mainly monetary, economical, cultural as well as environmental. ... We need an education reform package and we need to be able to sit down and say what things did work and what things did not work. How do we improve them? And not get so set in our ways. We are a little set in our ways and that makes us go backwards instead of forwards. I think the reason that we have these problems in the community is that we don’t communicate. We talk at people, we don’t talk with people or we talk down to people. This is the greatest problem. If we sat here and communicated some kind of agreement, but that’s not the way it happens. This is what I stress on the commission: unity, unity, unity. We must unite in order to be able to have the same picture, the same vision. ... We have to reform the education, we have to reform our tax policy, we have to reform our police; we have to do it. ... We don’t [reform] and this is where we get stuck and as long as we don’t get unstuck, we are going to have the same problems. We need leaders that understand that the politics of yesterday are not working. Many, many, problems and what happens? Who pays for these things? In education, the students. In taxes, the taxpayers.”
What are your goals if elected? “One of



Name: Robert L. Lopez
Hometown: “I’m a product of Brownsville. I was born and raised here in Brownsville, graduated from Hanna [High School], so I’m a product ... from BISD as well. This is where my roots are.”
Age: 37
Education: “I did a freshman year in Lubbock [at Texas Tech University] and then ended up coming back and finishing my degree--I got a bachelor’s in psychology, here, from UTB/TSC. After I graduated here in ’97 ... I left to Michigan [and] I ended up working with General Motors. I ended working on the management team for General Motors. I was there for 10 years. While I lived in Michigan, I went back to school. I went to Michigan State University ... and pursued a second bachelor’s ... in political science--pre law, and I also did graduate work there in organizational behavior.”
Family: Married. He and his wife are expecting a baby boy in May.
Occupation: Lopez was hired by Cameron County in 2007. “I’m ... director of administrative services. ... The way I look at the county, being that it’s a public organization, I had to work at it and handle it as if it were a business, as if it were a privately-owned company because we are dealing with schedules ... different personalities, and I think my experience at General Motors was kind of a very smooth transition, as far as getting to know the processes, the internal workload, the internal people. It was pretty easy to kind of adapt to the governmental part of things. ... I handle building maintenance, the IT department, I handle HR, I look over the mail services. We have a copy center I also look over. Those are the departments I directly [oversee]. As an administrator, I make sure those departments are up and running safe.”
Position you are seeking: Commissioner at Large “A”
Experience: “As far as leadership, what I studied as far as organizational behavior went hand in hand with my work there in General Motors and understanding the people’s behavior within an organization, so not necessarily being in an organization in a private setting ... but also in a public setting I’m currently in now. ... It gave me the ability to really work a little bit better with people and understand people. Working in a big corporation like General Motors ... gave me the opportunity to work a little better with people ... but the main thing that I would think that it taught me as well as ... listening to the concerns of the people working for you because they’re the ones that are making a difference, that are working, so if it wasn’t for them and listening to their ideas on how to make things better and how to improve the system, we really wouldn’t have that insight. What I did was gathering their ideas, taking their ideas into consideration as well with mine and then creating one big general idea and trying to make the whole spectrum a lot better.”
What are your accomplishments and how do you think they have prepared you for



Name: Martin Sarkis
Hometown: Born in Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Moved to Brownsville when he was 10 years old.
Age: 47
Education: Studied civil engineering in *Tecnológico de Matamoros*
Family: Married; one daughter (age 22) and one son (age 20)
Occupation: Owner of SAGA Motor Vehicle Inspection
Position you are seeking: Commissioner at Large “A”
Experience: “I have experience in my business, I have experience in the community. I am a regular citizen, I am a new face in politics.”
What are your accomplishments and how do you think they have prepared you for being commissioner? “As a business owner, I feel the city has to be handled like a business, with transparency.”
What challenges face the city and the district and how will you address them? “Brownsville has not grown. If we think we have grown, we are wrong, Brownsville has only moved north. If you go down Boca Chica [Boulevard], you are going to see they closed Target to open Target more to the north. They closed Michael’s to open a Michael’s more to the north. Those parts of town are now dead. They lack life, and they lack business. It’s like if you moved from one house to another. You keep your family and your problems; it’s just a new house. Brownsville has not grown economically; it has not grown, businesswise. We have to bring people that want to use those abandoned buildings. Mexican investors are very excited to come and invest in the United States, but they have millions of doors open to them; they have McAllen, Mission, Weslaco, Mercedes. We need to convince them to come here. That will bring jobs, it will bring tax revenue. If the city does not have money coming in, then it can’t spend money. If you do, it’s like writing hot checks, and that’s what is happening to the city. The city has \$10 million in debt. We can’t spend more money than what we have, and for that we need investors. We have the Port of Brownsville that is not used at its limit. The Port of Brownsville is the closest American port to any Mexican city.”
What are your goals if elected? “I want the city to come back to what it was 35 years ago. I want to bring investors. There are many investors that want to invest but we have closed the door on them. If you go to the city to get a permit to start a business, they make you jump through hoops to get it, and business owners don’t want it to be difficult. That’s why they leave to McAllen and other parts of the [Rio Grande] Valley that are not Brownsville. I lived that myself. It took me a thousand years to get a permit to get a business. When I went to McAllen, they give it to you the next day. We need to clean the entrance of our city, downtown Brownsville. We need to bring outlets to downtown. If people drive all the way to Mercedes, they will drive to Brownsville, and we also need to emulate Austin’s Sixth Street--create bars and restaurants in downtown.”



Name: Estela Chavez Vasquez
Hometown: Brownsville
Education: Bachelor’s degree in government from UTB/TSC, juris doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Family: Married for 14 years to Antonio Vasquez; three children ages 12, 5, 3
Age: 32
Occupation: Attorney; scope of practice includes family and criminal law.
Position you are seeking: City Commissioner at Large “A”
Experience: “I am currently an attorney and have to address various types of difficult issues on a daily basis, whether it’s a family law or a criminal law matter. My career has prepared me to analyze situations and resolve conflict in a professional manner. As a former teacher, I know the value of education and the importance of creating educational opportunities to promote a strong, educated community.”
What are your accomplishments and how do you think they have prepared you for being commissioner? “Coming from a family of 13, I always had to be cognizant about the finances of my family. I learned early on to manage what little we had and learned the value of working hard to achieve financial stability. My experience as a former migrant worker has helped me to set my priorities in order. I knew the only way to end the cycle of poverty was to obtain an education. Although I married at the age of 17, I never gave up on pursuing my education. Even after my husband and I started our family, we moved to Houston to pursue our professional dreams. I attended law school, while my husband attended optometry school. Currently, I am an attorney and my husband is an optometrist.”
What challenges face the city and the district and how will you address them? “Our city is full of possibilities. We have to capitalize on our resources in order to attract new industry to our city. We must focus on creating a strong, skilled, educated community in order to make our city more attractive to investors.”
What are your goals if elected? “Once elected, I intend to work towards promoting education and educational initiatives to assist our students, strengthen city finances by identifying necessities and exercising fiscal judgment by effectively investing city resources, take an active role in supporting educational opportunities to develop a highly educated and skilled workforce. [I] want to open up the process to restore the public’s trust in city government, [I] want to bridge the gap between the public and the city government to help make changes that will benefit our community and build consensus among the city commission, community leaders, business community and city entities.”



Name: Pankaj Patel
Age: 43
Hometown: His family came from India when he was 14. Patel has previously lived in Illinois and Virginia.
Education: Associate’s degree in electronics technology from Heald College in San Jose, Calif.
Family: Wife and three children
Occupation: Owner of La Copa Inn
Office you are seeking: District 4 Commissioner
Experience: Business owner
What are your accomplishments and how do you think they have prepared you for being commissioner? “As a business owner I have brought over 200 jobs to Brownsville.”
What challenges face the city and the district and how will you address

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Name: John Villarreal
Hometown: Brownsville. “I was born in Houston but shortly after I was born, my family moved down and we’ve been here ever since.”
Age: 28
Education: Graduate of James Pace High School. Received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from UTB/TSC.
Family: Parents, Johnny and Magdalena Villarreal; sister, Joanna Villarreal
Occupation: Owner of La Milpa *tortilleria*, 239 W. St. Charles St.
Place you are seeking: District 4 Commissioner
Experience: “I’ve been working at our family business ever since I was a child, so that’s over 20 years there of hands-on experience. [Also,] internships, work-

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Name: Antonio “Tony” N. Zavaleta
Hometown: Born in Santa Monica, Calif. Grew up in Brownsville.
Education: Saint Joseph Academy graduate. Attended Texas Southmost College. Received a bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate in anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin.
Age: 63
Family: Married; has four sons
Occupation: UTB/TSC anthropology and sociology professor
Place you are seeking: District 4 Commissioner
Experience: At UTB/TSC, Zavaleta was the first dean of the College of Liberal Arts, a position he served in for seven years. He also has served as interim dean for the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology, interim vice president for Partnership Affairs and interim vice president for Institutional Advancement. He became the first vice president for

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my main goals is to re-establish the public comment [portion of the Brownsville City Commission meetings]. This commission shut down public comment because they thought it was going to be a liability for the commission. ... I think that’s against the First Amendment. You cannot abridge the First Amendment or change it or do anything to

diminish it, and if we are going to televise the commission meetings then we must televise complete commission meetings, whether you like what was said or not. We will disagree, we are not always going to agree but that’s because we live in America. We are allowed to do that, we are not going to jail because we disagree. I [also] want unity within the commission. I want a balanced budget. I want a united commission that’s representing the public, not special agendas

and not themselves. Not special agendas like the Sports Park or the Brownsville Farmers’ Market. We need to reform city management to make it work more efficiently in the limited budget that we have. We need to increase our security, our police force, our firefighters and our Border Patrol to secure our borders. We need to repair, recondition our streets and doing it efficiently and expeditiously, not to take two years to fix one street. We need to revisit the plastic bag ordinance and act

accordingly to the data and not on the desires on the people that proposed the ban. We need to stop playing politics, we need to eliminate waste of hard-earned, taxpayers’ dollars. With all of this we can forge Brownsville ahead to make it a leader again, but we need to work as a community. Our goals are many, our ambitions are many but we need the help of the community.”

Lopez

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being commissioner at Large “A”? “I’ve been able to help keep a balanced budget and been able to promote cost savings within ... the entire county. In 2009, I applied for a grant, a green energy [grant], through SECO, State Energy Conservation Office. I applied for a \$2 million grant and it was awarded to the county. ... In 2010, it was actually awarded to the county--that was something I worked on for about 60 days. ... It was something I take a lot of pride in because that was something that I started from scratch. ... We purchased solar panels, so we have two county buildings, one is in San Benito and one is in Harlingen, and we’ve actually installed solar panels. The one in Harlingen, we are expecting 30 percent energy reduction and the one in [San Benito] we are expecting a [50] percent energy reduction. ... I got another [grant] for \$175,000 and we’re installing wind turbines at three of our county parks. ... One’s in Brownsville--it’s actually [Pedro “Pete” Benavides] Park ... the other park is Cameron Park ... and the other one is La Paloma Park, which is in San Benito.”
What challenges face the city and how will you address them? “One of the things that I see now that Brownsville needs is a, and no offense to anybody, stronger and more united leadership ... in hopes that working together with the current commissioners and, hopefully, the new elected commissioners

we can develop ... and create a better industry here in Brownsville. In consequence of driving more industry ... create more jobs because I think, economically, Brownsville needs that opportunity. A lot of times people will pick McAllen. ... What makes McAllen so different from Brownsville? We’re both border towns, other than McAllen [having] a bigger mall, better restaurants, McAllen revitalized their downtown. The way I look at it, if McAllen can do it, we can too, and I think it takes our leaders working together in having the same focus, the same goal to making this a better Brownsville. If we can make this a more attractive place, I think we can create and have more industry come down and make it more appetizing for people to say, ‘I want to go to Brownsville.’ ... I used to come down to the Majestic [theater]-I’m 36 years old, but I remember my parents would go there and downtown was the place to go and I understand that a lot of times the city develops and everything goes north, just like a lot of the other cities. I think what we need to start is probably working and developing a closer relationship with a lot of the business owners downtown and trying to work with them to get their input, having city workshops, public sessions on this topic. I know the big topic right now that has recently surfaced is Frontera Airline, and I’ve heard a lot of discussions on it. There is a good opportunity to drive more industry down here to Brownsville. There’s several manufacturers, you know, automotive

manufacturers, injection molding ... any type of factory. ... You know, as a matter of fact, I’ve been talking to several people that are interested in bringing manufacturing facilities down this way, down into Brownsville. The thing is there is no incentive for them to do such. ... The City of Pharr will give them [a] \$100,000 incentive for them to build in their city. I don’t know how true that is. ... What can we do as a city, what can we do as a commission to make it more enticing, what incentives can we offer to big business to drive economy down here versus having to go across the border or having it to go to McAllen or Pharr or Edinburg? What about Brownsville? That’s what we need to focus on. And I think it’s going to take not just me but, you know, everybody to really kind of put in their efforts in hopes that we can create and drive more industry.”
What are your goals if elected? “I’d like for the city to take advantage of this federal funding that’s out there, [such as] the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act]. ... A lot of these funds are being filtered down and I would really like to see the city take advantage of these funds and all they really got to do is sit down and apply for them because these are funds, if I can say, it’s free money. ... But that right there to me is an opportunity to make some of these concepts, some of these ideas ... make them into a reality. ... The light bill eats up, or could eat up, as much as 30 percent of your budget so shifting 30 percent down to, I’d

say, a downtown project or help revitalize it. Shift it, that 30 percent, to drive, to give an incentive to some industrial corporations to come down here and give them maybe a tax rebate or a tax break or some sort of startup cost. ... If we look at it long term, if these companies come here to make the investment and stay, it’s going to create more jobs. There are a lot of college graduates [and] it’s very tough for them, very, very tough for these individuals not being able to find work. ... People aren’t crossing [the border] as much anymore, so the revenue generated from the bridge crossings is not as lucrative as it used to be. ... Also, if hopefully elected, working with our local and state representatives, Eddie Lucio Jr., Eddie Lucio III, Rene Oliveira. I know them personally; I have a good relationship with them. So ... by working with them we can maybe reach out to our federal counterparts here at the border and see what we can do because if you have a tougher crossing, people aren’t going to cross. ... Mexican nationals that are coming over here, in my opinion, kind of help stabilize our economy a little bit. ... I think [in] Brownsville there needs to be some change, hopefully, for the better, but I don’t want to sit here and give anybody any empty promises and I’m not here to give anybody any false hopes. I’m hoping that I have the opportunity to show what I can do, not just tell them through interviews I want to do this and I want to do that.”

Thinking green: Hundreds take part in Earth Day

By Francisco Garza
THE COLLEGIAN

Dogs barked, the smell of herbs and grilled hot dogs filled the air and music blasted from speakers during UTB/TSC’s celebration of Earth Day.

More than 1,000 people showed up last Thursday for the campus celebration, which was sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

The event took place on the Student Union lawn, where several organizations and merchants set up their booths to greet the incoming attendees.

“[We] gathered different organizations that are related in the theme of sustainability and recycling,” said Student Life Director Sergio Martinez.

One of the organizations present was Keep Brownsville Beautiful.

“We try to educate and provide enough outreach to encourage people to adopt healthy habits,” said Eli DeLeon, the organization’s coordinator.

The organization was there to create awareness and look for volunteers.

The campus’ Barnes & Noble Bookstore gave away recyclable bags containing gum and razors. The bookstore also promoted its

new eco-friendly product, the bobble bottle.

“You put regular tap water in it and it will filter your water. ... You will never have to buy another bottle of water,” said Bookstore Manager Carmen Rodriguez.

The bottles are \$10.75 each and their replacement filters are \$7.50. Each filter can be used about 300 times.

Also present was Alex Lorio, the Brownsville Urban System’s grant and public outreach manager.

“We are showing off our BUS system ... Route 15, which goes around the campus ... and then Route 14 goes from ITECC to the main campus,” Lorio said.

Together these routes are called the Scorpion Metro; they, along with all the other BUS routes are free with a valid Sting Card.

Ryan Johnson, a member of the IDEA Public Schools farm program, presented some of the plants that “we are growing for our farm.”

Johnson said the IDEA schools are growing produce so that it can be used in the cafeteria.

“I have some herbs, some basil and some tomatoes growing here,” Johnson said, pointing at small potted plants. “We are building a fence of recyclable wooden pallets and we’re going to cover the pallets with



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Campus Police Officer Pedro Vasquez discusses bicycle safety tips with Angelica Fuentes, a master technical instructor in the College of Education.

vines. I have some moonflowers and some morning glory.”

IDEA is a public charter school offering instruction in grades K through 12.

Angels Pet Rescue brought five dogs, some with amputated legs, to the event.

“We are raising awareness for the dogs, to get them a good home and, hopefully, get them adopted. ... We rescue them from the street and the shelters so they won’t be put down. We are a no-kill organization,” said Teresa Loza, a sophomore management major who serves as director and treasurer of the organization.

Some of the other organizations present:

--the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, which promoted its Ocelot Conservation Festival, scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Brownsville’s Dean Porter Park;

--“La Senda Verde, a new student organization whose goal is to make UTB/TSC a greener university; and

--the Campus Police Department, which provided bicycle safety, registration and maintenance tips.

Others included the Gladys Porter Zoo, Brownsville Farmers’ Market vendors and the Rio Bravo Film Festival, which screened eco-themed movies in the Student Union.

The Campus Activities Board and CAB member Erika Amador won the group and individual categories of the Gorgas Science Society’s recycling contest by collecting the most paper. The organization collected 157 pounds of paper while Amador collected 68 pounds.

“I didn’t expect to see as many people here,” said junior mathematics major Jesus Calvillo.

Andrew Moncada, a junior studio art major, was there since the beginning of the event at 10 a.m.

“I am really happy the way in which the students came,” Moncada said.

Friday Avenue and Sting Radio provided music. Attendees received free soft drinks and hot dogs.

“This is our big event for the year,” said Martinez, adding that Student Life’s last two events of the semester will be will be the Bougainvillea Ball and Food for Thought.



Students Jessica Ruiz (seated at left) and Joshuah Law play with a dog rescued by Angels Pet Rescue, which works to have stray dogs and cats adopted. Also shown is student Christine Nunn.

End-of-course evaluations are a voice for students

By Irma Mora
THE COLLEGIAN

Today, UTB/TSC’s Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness Department will make end-of-course instructor evaluations available for students to fill out via Blackboard.

The evaluations will be available until May 9.

Blanca Bauer, interim executive director of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, said the evaluations are the voice of the students.

The university and faculty use the information not only to measure the quality of the instruction but also for faculty promotion and tenure decisions.

Last semester was the first attempt by the institution to administer the evaluations online. The evaluations went directly to the students via Blackboard and e-mail.

The response from students was so low that the data was not used for administrative decisions. In previous years, about 80 percent of students responded but last semester’s turnout was between 35 percent and 40 percent.

“The problem that we had was that the response rate of students who actually completed the evaluation--the instruments--was so low that we couldn’t use them in the fall,” Bauer said. “All the effort and all the time and all of the anticipation from the faculty and the chairs and the deans waiting for that information, we got it right back to

them but it could be a class of maybe 30 and one or two completed the evaluation.”

Professors do not see the actual evaluations; they see summary responses, with no way of tracing an evaluation to a student.

Ana Linville, an assistant master technical instructor in the Allied Health Department, and Louis Falk, an associate professor of communication, said comments left on the evaluations are taken seriously when it comes to suggestions on how to better help the student in a course.

“If [the feedback] is positive, great, but if it’s negative, I turn it around and make it positive,” Linville said. “I start thinking about what they’re saying and I try to make some changes in ... my teaching techniques.”

The faculty is not only looking for

responses from students that enjoyed the class or hated it. They also would like to hear from the middle group.

“If you don’t get a certain amount of students to fill those things out, then they have no value at all because how do you measure?” Falk said. “One of the problems with [evaluations] in years past, either good or bad, has been if they have to make an effort outside of class, a student, usually students that are just happy ... normal, won’t make an effort. It’s the ones that really like you or the ones that really hate you.”

For more information on the evaluations, students may contact Lourdes Lopez, coordinator of research for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, at 882-7794.

Audit

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human health.

“It’s a national project we piloted in 2009 among black colleges but it’s part of a minority-serving institution initiative, so a part of it is introducing energy efficiency and also, hopefully, introducing sustainability curricula and engaging the community,” said Chaprece Henry, a staff expert at the EDF and coordinator for kicking off the Climate Corps program in Texas. “So we are planning to work with historically black colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions and even tribal colleges as well in the future.”

Morales Muñoz, along with another fellow from the University of Texas at El Paso, will

head to North Carolina in May for training.

“I will learn to perform the energy audit and, basically, what to look for to help save energy here at UTB and what changes can be made here to help produce less CO₂ emissions,” she said. “For 10 to 12 weeks I will work on performing the audit. ... [Then] I will produce a report and present it to certain key UTB administrators so that they can see the information and then they can make decisions as to whether or not to adopt these changes.”

Being a liberal arts major in her undergraduate and graduate studies, Morales Muñoz thinks Mary Rose Cardenas North and South Halls need some attention. Another one, Tandy Hall, was brought up by Veronica Mendez, associate vice president

for Facilities and Planning, who will assist during the audit with access to buildings and data. UTB/TSC has not had an energy audit, so Morales Muñoz’s summer job will establish a baseline so a comparison in energy consumption can be made, Mendez said.

Besides paying Morales Muñoz a stipend, the EDF will provide the tools needed for the audit as well as its expertise and ways to seek funding. The graduate student’s passion lies in environmental policy and she hopes UTB/TSC will try to be more sustainable in its future efforts.

“I’d really like to see multiple buildings generating power--instead of just using power--through solar energy,” Morales Muñoz said. “When it comes to energy consumption, it’s definitely awareness that

we have to help get the message out about these things.”

The news media tend to paint a picture of environmental issues like global warming with polar bears and melting ice caps, Henry said, but they also affect people and communities, which the Climate Corps helps to ameliorate.

“Part of this project what I personally really like is that there’s a direct impact, which is you save energy, you save money and you are helping the environment and this is something that is directly affecting you,” she said. “Using this project is the first step to environmental consciousness. ... Our goal is to make environmentalism seem more reachable or something that everyone can connect to.”

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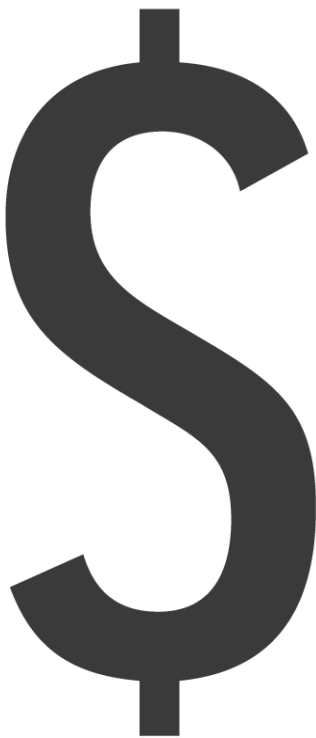
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Mayoral candidates: Jobs, infrastructure are priorities

By Irma Mora
THE COLLEGIAN

About 400 people listened as Brownsville’s five mayoral candidates answered questions about city issues during a forum last Tuesday in the Student Union’s Gran Salon.

The forum was hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement’s Project 100%, whose goal is to secure a 100 percent voter turnout from the campus community.

Incumbent Mayor Patricio “Pat” Ahumada Jr. and his challengers—Edward C. Camarillo, Evaristo Viro Cardenas, Michael Anthony Garza and Antonio “Tony” Martinez—each took turns answering questions, which Project 100% solicited from the community.

Each candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves to the audience. After the opening statement, the candidates were given two minutes for each of five questions on important issues concerning Brownsville, ranging from green initiatives to the economic development of the city.

Asked what the two most pressing issues Brownsville faces in the next four years, Ahumada replied they are the budget and public safety.

“The city has been operating in a deficit since before I got into office and it has balanced the budget by getting grants [from] PUB,” Ahumada said. “We need to cut costs and I have introduced a plan already that will retire—it’s a buyout plan—that will retire the senior officers or directors that have 25 years or more [of service], that cost perhaps \$115,000 and reduce those salaries by filling them with people from the second tier at a lower cost.”

He said the buyout plan would save the City of Brownsville and the Public Utilities Board about \$5 million.

“That would allow us to do the projects we need to do for infrastructure or fund ... programs that you would like to see done,” the mayor said about the savings in personnel



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Mayoral candidates Pat Ahumada (from left), Edward Camarillo, Evaristo Cardenas, Mike Garza and Tony Martinez participate in the Brownsville Mayor Candidate Forum, held last Tuesday in the Student Union’s Gran Salon. The candidates answered questions about their qualifications and city issues. About 400 people attended the event sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement’s Project 100%.

costs.

Ahumada said the other pressing issues are water and public safety.

“Public safety for a healthy growth, and water to meet the growth and infrastructure ... a good roadway system,” he said. “Without those three things, we cannot have the job creation for a healthy city. My priorities are many but those are main issues that I think we are facing.”

To Martinez, an attorney, the most pressing issues are transparency as well as job creation and revitalization of the city.

“Quite frankly, the budget is a major concern but even more so than the budget, I think that the first thing you’re going to have to do is pass an ethics code,” he said. “If you all look on the website Texas Budget Source, you find out that Brownsville is the least transparent budget in the state of Texas. I think we have to, first of all, have accountability and find out where this money is coming in and how it’s coming out.”

Martinez said the No. 2 issue is job creation.

“If some of you looked at *The Monitor* and *The Brownsville Herald* on April 15, you would realize that Cameron County had Texas’ worst unemployment in March,” he said. “[Job creation is] a necessity, it’s a

requirement, and how do you go about that?”

Martinez said the answer is education, which will result in better-paying jobs.

Streets and downtown also need attention. “If you ... look at your city, there are many, many roads that need to be taken care of, and that’s what we call the infrastructure,” Martinez said. “You have the downtown ... and it’s gorgeous and we’re not doing anything with it. We have the most beautiful town in the [Rio Grande] Valley with all the *resacas* and we’re not taking advantage of that.”

The candidates also were asked how their agendas differ from their rivals.

Cardenas, owner of M&B Auto Service, said he stands out because he will make priorities where they belong.

“I have been in the workforce since the age of 9, assembling bicycles at Western Auto downtown, so I saw the flourishing of when downtown was in its heydays, when shop owners were out cleaning their stoops to open for business and, sadly, it’s deteriorating,” he said. “My agenda is to put priorities where they belong: revitalizing the downtown area, creating economic structure to make sure that there is money coming into Brownsville and not have so many Fortune 500 companies,

where all their revenue goes back to corporate office.”

Cardenas said Brownsville businesses must be held accountable.

“We need to hold everyone accountable that does business in Brownsville,” he said, “no longer, just because you’re my friend. If you aren’t doing the correct job, we need to find someone that can.”

Asked how they would implement the United Brownsville Strategic Planning Vision, Garza, a general contractor and owner of Michael Custom Homes LLC, replied: “To me, it’s not about creating another committee, it’s not in the wanting to do. It’s in the doing. It’s in the action. A million dollars have been spent, there’s nothing we can do about it. We have to see what is out there, what they’ve done and what we’re going to do with what they’ve done to bring it to heart. ... United Brownsville is a great committee and I believe in it but we need to focus on what has been done and move forward and bring whatever ideas they have and let’s get things happening because nothing is happening. I don’t see any action.”

The final question was why the UTB/TSC community should vote for them and what is in it for the students.

“I am committed to working as hard as I can each and every day if you select me as your mayor,” Camarillo said. “Committed to being open, to being honest and to listening to you and each and every one of your concerns that you bring forth at any point in time.”

Camarillo, a UTB/TSC graduate who currently serves as the city commissioner for District 4 and is a marketing consultant for Border Home Health Inc., said he understands students’ struggles.

“Some of you are working two, three jobs,” he said. “Many of you are parents struggling, but know that you’re going to do well and you are going to be successful because I was

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and we are hired by the board to help them with this transition here. The board of trustees of the community college has a very, very different set of circumstances than [UT-Brownsville.] UT has an entire administration in place, they have President [Juliet V.] García, they have the System office that are taking a lot of this activity in there. They’ve got a man by the name of Randy Wallace that is their data guru. There is none of it in the community college.”

Muñoz maintained, however, that information is being kept from students.

“It’s nice that you tell me, sir, but I know this, and they know this and I don’t think that’s the reason why we are not being informed,” he said.

Joshua Law, an environmental science major who sits on the TSC board’s Business Affairs Committee, asked Furgason for a plan of where money for TSC would come from.

Furgason provided a chart that shows TSC students are paying three times more in tuition than any other community college student in Texas.

Asked if he would be able to reduce tuition after the separation, Furgason answered that there may not be immediate relief; however, tuition would not increase.

“I will never stand up here and say tomorrow you’re going to get your tuition cut in third because there is transition costs and there’s things that you have to develop that are not there yet,” he said. “But I would say in a period of time, and again, I don’t know whether that is five years or what, but you will see the tuition here change pretty dramatically because every other

community college in the state of Texas is that way. I mean, you are unique.”

Furgason said the high tuition at TSC was one of the driving factors for the separation from the University of Texas at Brownsville.

“I guess what really is a motivating factor in here is that setting up a community college here, you provide a mechanism for students to get higher education and a lesser cost to them,” he said. “You may not see lots of relief immediately but as far as costing more, I don’t think so.”

Furgason detailed his background for the SGA. He received a doctoral degree from Illinois’ Northwestern University, is a former president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and served as vice chancellor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

At Corpus Christi, he was faced with the challenge of implementing a four-year university in 1994.

“Ours was a little different situation,” Furgason said. “At that time, Corpus Christi State University was an upper-level [school, with] juniors, seniors and graduates--no freshmen or sophomores. Everybody transferred in, but ... when they put the A&M System in here, they authorized the university to become a four-year institution in 1994 ... to offer a complete array of courses, including up to a doctoral program.”

He said there was a lot of resistance from the community in allowing Corpus Christi State University to become a four-year institution.

“Primarily for the local community college, they thought it was going to be a competition and ‘we’re gonna fight over freshman students,’ and so on, and the campus in Kingsville wasn’t too happy

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Road to get 3 names

By Christine Cavazos
Collegian Editor

Part of a road recently renamed for a slain Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent is about to regain its original name.

On March 15, the commission approved a resolution that honored U.S. Special Agent Jaime Jorge Zapata and changed the name of Coffee Port Road to Jaime J. Zapata Avenue.

In February, Zapata, a Brownsville native, and Special Agent Victor Avila were shot in an SUV while returning to Mexico City from a meeting in the Mexican state of San Luis Potosí.

During Tuesday’s city commission meeting, Mayor Pat Ahumada told the audience the commission got ahead of itself when renaming the road immediately after the agent’s death but did it in good faith.

The commission then approved the first reading of an ordinance that gives the road three names: Coffee Port Road, Coffee Road and Jaime J. Zapata Avenue.

The Coffee family has lived in Brownsville since the early 20th century, according to city documents.

About 20 residents showed up in support of the ordinance renaming the road Coffee Port.

Academic Advising Alert

Get ready for finals now

By Academic Advising Team

Have you finished the “big” project of the semester? Are you dreading the upcoming final exams of the semester? If you’ve found yourself putting off working on a paper, project or getting ready for finals, you are not alone. In fact, many students procrastinate to some degree--but some are so affected by procrastination that it hinders them greatly and ultimately impacts their final grades.

So, what can be done to control procrastination and overcome it? Here are some steps to help conquer procrastination and help put you on the path to success in the classroom:

1. Recognize when you procrastinate: Do a self-evaluation and be honest with yourself. Take a look at how you prioritize your day in the order of how things get done. Do you fill your day with low-priority tasks? Do you leave items on your to-do list for a long time even though you know it’s important? Do you wait until you are in the “right mood” or the “right time” to tackle important tasks? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are probably a procrastinator.

2. Explore why you procrastinate: The reason students procrastinate may depend on

District 2 Commissioner Charlie Atkinson said he spoke with the Zapata family and they do not want their son’s name to be brought up in a discussion where it causes discomfort.

“[The Zapata family] are so humbled that the city thought of them,” Atkinson said. “They have no problem keeping that section of Coffee Port Road because it could cause a lot of problems for [the Coffee family], and that’s not what they want.”

In an interview with *The Collegian* on Thursday, Ahumada said: “Coffee Road will be from FM 802 to Paredes Line Road, then it will be Jaime J. Zapata [Avenue] from Paredes Line Road to Highway 48 and then it will go back to Coffee Port Road from Highway 48 to FM 802.”

In other business, the commission awarded a contract to Knapp Chevrolet of Houston in the amount of \$232,600 for the purchase of two ambulances for the Brownsville Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. The commission also awarded a contract to Professional Turf Products L.P. of San Antonio in the amount of \$89,982.50 for the purchase of grounds maintenance equipment for the Brownsville Golf Center.

the task at hand and interest in the particular subject. If the project or paper is on a topic that you find unpleasant, the first initial response will be to avoid it completely. The best way to deal with those issues is to get it over and done with quickly, allowing time to focus on primary subjects you truly enjoy. Disorganization may be another cause of procrastination. Creating to-do lists and schedules can help with time management and prioritization of tasks and deadlines.

3.Implement good habits! Yes, procrastination is a habit--a deeply-rooted pattern of behavior. The key to breaking the pattern is motivation. Give yourself rewards. For example, reward yourself with a night at the movies if you complete a certain task. Also, recruit your friends or family to help the fight against procrastination. Have them check up on you to see if you’re completing certain tasks. As you well know, peer pressure works!

Overcoming procrastination will not occur overnight, but by recognizing when you procrastinate and explore why you’re doing it, you can implement new ways of defeating procrastination, putting you on the right path to success!

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successful, too.”

He said UTB/TSC students are important to the city. “You may not hear it from anyone else but I’m going to tell you, you are extremely important. We need you. We need to grow the percentage of the individuals that have degrees. I’m here to work, I’m here to help. That’s all I want to do. There’s nothing else in it for me other than being your next mayor and improving this city.”

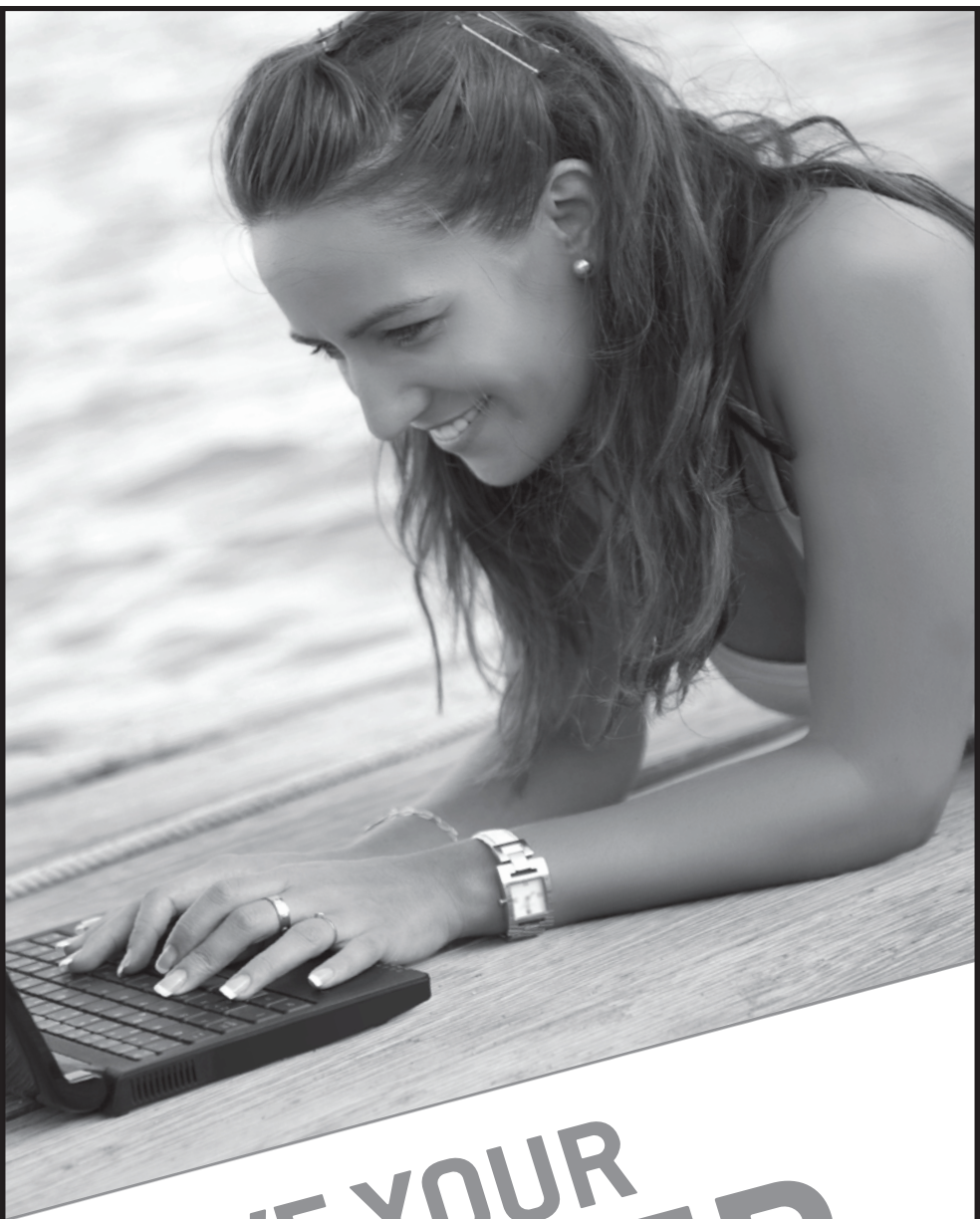
The forum was an attempt by Project 100% to inform the students about the candidates and to accomplish their goal. Communication Associate Professor John Cook served as the moderator.

Angelica M. Fuentes, an assistant master technical instructor in the College


of Education and chair of the Project 100% Committee, said students, as well as community members, should be informed before voting because of the impact that the decisions of the elected officials have.

“I think a lot of times not just students but people in general don’t realize the impact that these officials, these elected officials have on us,” Fuentes said. “I think it is our responsibility as a university and a community college to inform the students and to inform anyone who is on our campus community.”

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would be to encourage the involvement of faculty, staff, students and members of the community. That call, however, will be the board’s.”

Karen Fuss-Sommer, director of the licensed vocational nursing program, said transferring accreditation and administrative control to another entity is complicated and time consuming, which could mean a reduction in professionals the institution would produce.

“I’m completely sure that [the TSC trustees] are not aware of those problems related to specifically the nursing profession in a climate where there’s a nursing shortage, in a climate where there’s a statewide and national nursing shortage,” she said. “For that decision to impact what we put out as a product during this time period is highly, highly ... a bad idea.”

Furgason said he didn’t have a response because “it’s another of the issues that has to be dealt with as you work your way through this particular system.”

Bill Davis, an associate master technical instructor in the Behavioral Sciences Department, asked the consultants about timetables for the separation.

Anthony said no one has put a specific date to it.

“Our position is that we will take as long as it needs,” he said. “We need to make a smooth transition to what the board of trustees has asked us to do.”

David Fisher, an assistant professor in the History Department, asked the consultants to elaborate on their confidence that two viable institutions will emerge from the separation.

“I think it will be easier for Texas Southmost College to begin a process than it will be for UTB to continue doing what it’s been doing because Texas Southmost, for the most part, will be starting with a blank tablet again,” Anthony replied. “They have local property tax resources that UTB will not have. As you know, the state is facing all kinds of financial difficulties, and that’s going to impact state aid. So the only variable they’re left is tuition and fees, and that depends on enrollment.”

A challenge is to project the enrollment UT-Brownsville and TSC will have once the transition is completed, but enrollment would be the key to the vitality of both institutions, according to Anthony.

Laredo is being used as a guide because of the community college’s size of about 10,000 students and a property tax base of about \$10.7 million, figures that are similar to Texas Southmost College, Furgason said, adding that both Laredo Community College and Texas A&M International University are doing well.

“I’m confident that it will work out,” he said.

Elizabeth Heise, vice president of the Academic Senate, said the faculty foresees that some of them “may be transitioned to Texas Southmost College.”

“Everybody is a UTB employee, so the administration of UTB, plus the UT System, is going to have to take the initiative to start saying this is what is going to be shifted immediately to the community college,” Furgason said, adding that it could get “sticky” when factoring in freshmen and the determination of a tuition rate.

Anthony said: “Right now, it’s probably a little premature for us to lay out a blueprint of how curricula are going to be divided and how faculty are going to be split, how support services are going to function and how the finances are going to fall out. But as we get more involved in the process, I think it’s going to be incumbent on us to meet with you to have you assist us in the transition.”

Karon Jahn, an associate master

technical instructor in the Communication Department, asked if TSC will conduct national searches for faculty as it will in its search for a new president.

“We would need to make sure that we would advertise those positions and that individuals at UTB may be applicants, if they so wish, or we could go outside for specific needs that we might have,” Anthony said.

However, Price said if it is done that way, “that breaks tenure.”

Anthony and Furgason said issues with tenure would have to be dealt with by the board of trustees because it is a policy issue.

Fuss-Sommer told the consultants there is fear among faculty about the TSC board’s decisions. Despite the Academic Senate’s resolution on continuing the partnership and support from a majority of faculty, the TSC board voted 4 to 3 on Feb. 17 to have UTB/TSC become two autonomous institutions with separate governance and contracts for facilities and certain staff services.

“We have a lot of skepticism for the choices made by the board, so when you’re talking about tenure and those kinds of questions, we are not fully convinced that they will do the right thing by us because when we asked them to do the right thing by us and the students, they chose not to,” Fuss-Sommer said. “... The board has been very non-visible to the faculty and to the students. They haven’t met with us at all to ... allay any of our fears. ... So, we have a great sense of fear, mistrust, or whatever vocabulary you want to use, related to the decisions that they will make based on their historical treatment of this body.”

Davis told the consultants they are the “first representatives of the TSC board that have come to us.”

Beatriz Castillo, chair of Applied Business Technology, said the department sent an e-mail to the board members in early March, but only received a response from the three board members who were in favor of “unification” and have not heard anything from the four who are for “separation.”

Furgason responded, “Well, I guess the advice I would give is ... that decision has been made and you have to look forward. If you’re going to spend all your time looking in the rearview mirror, it’s not going to serve the purposes of the community very well.”

There have been visits from University of Texas System officials, including the chancellor and other regents, added Bobbette Morgan, president of the Academic Senate. She also brought up concerns with TSC’s tax base.

“We understand in our community [that] raising taxes isn’t really an easy option. ... We’re the poorest community in the United States and so how much more can they ask, I don’t know.”

Furgason said: “From a cursory standpoint ... and using things like Laredo and Pan Am and other communities in here, there doesn’t seem to be something lurking out there that says, ‘Hey, there’s a financial disaster in the making.’”

Jude Benavides, an assistant professor in the Chemistry and Environmental Sciences Department, emphasized that the faculty are looking to the future.

“It’s a very important point to distinguish between not liking the decision that was made and setting the framework for working together, which both of you have said repeatedly today,” Benavides said. “But we’re trying to make sure you understand, we need to be painfully clear on this, that we have tried that in the past and it has not happened. And, it’s not only the faculty of UTB, it is students and citizenry of this community that are taxing and paying the future of TSC. That remains

unresolved--and that’s looking forward, not looking back.”

Furgason and Anthony said they would take the faculty’s concerns under advisement.

“We are listening to you, we really are, and we’re trying to absorb the issues that you’re sensitive to ... and we will try our

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either, but, again, a policy decision was made and I was there to implement it,” Furgason said.

He believes that having a university and a community college would be having the best of both worlds.

One of the first things he did at Corpus Christi State University was to put in an admission requirement.

“Community colleges traditionally, that’s one of their major roles, is an open admission institution,” Furgason said. “It should be open to anybody that wants to go on to a higher education. [Community college students] may have not done real well in this or that, but it gives them this so-called second chance. I think that’s really important and also a role as a transition into a four-year institution for those people that want that.”

He believes that a community college is part of an important spectrum of higher education.

“Whether they are younger students, or older students or whatever, it’s an opportunity that sometimes the four-year institution doesn’t provide,” Furgason said.

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best to convey those on to the board that hired us. I think, realistically, some will listen to us and some will not and we’ll just have to deal with it. ... To me the most important issue [is the] people that you have involved in your organization,” Furgason said.

“So, I’m a firm believer that a community college has a real important role in the community as well as a four-year institution. We got both; I think we got the best of both worlds.”

As vice chancellor in Nebraska, he put together an articulation program that helped community college students transfer into the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

“This says that if you take this course, this course, this course and this course, it automatically moves over into the four-year institution. In other words, it isn’t a question about whether it is transferrable. It is because we have set that out in the front end,” Furgason said. “... So I have quite a bit of experience in these crosscurrents, even though I’ve never been a community college president.”

In Ecuador, Furgason gave seminars to universities on accreditation as well.

He believes the present relationship with UTB and TSC will need careful weaving for both institutions to become successful separate entities in the future.

“Let’s not tear it apart, that doesn’t work well,” Furgason said. “That leaves a lot of debris on the floor, so let’s go in an orderly process in unweaving and reweaving. That’s what we’re trying to do at this point.”

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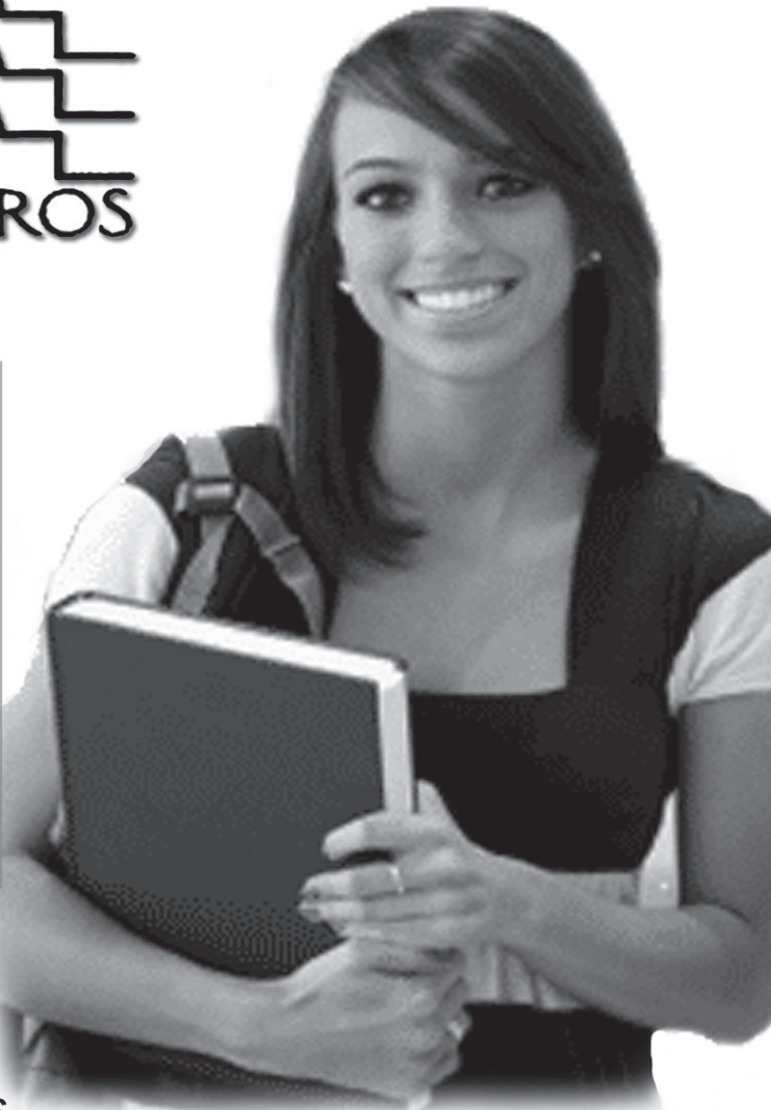
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Getting ready for Denim Day



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC is encouraging the campus community to wear jeans on Wednesday in observance of Denim Day, an event held in support of sexual assault prevention. An information table will be set up between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Paseo between Cortez and Rusteberg halls, where one can pick up information and sign a support pledge. Shown promoting Denim Day are (kneeling, from left) Aaron J. Gonzalez and Christopher Luna. Middle row: Christina Clinch, Deisy Ramirez, David Belleperche, Monica Lee Luna, Lisa Marie Briones, Rosa Law, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin, Jorge A. Muñoz, Nallely Alvarez and Hugo Mata. Back row: Ashley Vento, Judicial Affairs Coordinator David Marquez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Judicial Affairs Coordinator David Mariscal, Evelyn Castilleja and Normalinda Reyna.

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study and [an] internship with the Internal Revenue Service, trying to promote the e-file program for the IRS. The tele-file program was coming to an end and we wanted taxpayers, instead of going back to the traditional paper filing, we wanted them to transfer over to e-file. It’s a lot quicker and a it’s a lot cheaper for the government in terms of costs for filing through paper. In 2008 I was appointed to the charter review committee and there I worked to review the charter and make recommendations for amendments to our city’s charter. Those recommendations went to the commission sent them to the voters to see if they would approve them.”

What are your accomplishments and how do you think they have prepared you for being commissioner? “In terms of our family business, for 25 years my parents were operating out of a small, old building. I went ahead and applied for a loan. I applied for my contractor’s permit and I built a new facility. We have more capacity, we created a couple more jobs in our district. So, we’re expanding despite the growth in competition. Now, you see a *tortilleria* in almost every corner. And yet we are not located on Main Street and our business is still growing, so I consider that an accomplishment. When I walked and I got those degrees, I felt that was one of my greatest accomplishments, not only just earning the degrees but ending on the top of my graduating class. If elected, I think my background and my education will help me because, in essence, the city is a business that needs to be run. It’s a business that has a budget and it’s got its employees. You’ve got your internal customers and your external customers and you’ve got to take care of all of them. You have to do it efficiently so you stay within budget. I feel my business background will really help me fill that position very well.”

What challenges face the city and district and how will you address them? “One of the biggest challenges, I think, is our budget. We need to look at the projects that are proposed and that have been started and we

need to see how much funding they should be receiving. We need to set priorities. There’s a lot of things in District 4 that need attention: the streets, the drainage. There’s a lot of flooding whenever it does rain, even if it rains very little. On a grander scale, I think, citywide we need to see an increase in jobs. How do I think that can be accomplished? I think we need to create a positive image for Brownsville in terms of creating a friendly place to invest. There’s a lot of business that might look at Brownsville right now but they don’t see it too organized or too attractive to invest in. We need to attract those businesses, small and large, to create jobs and, hopefully, get our economy going. There’s also our law enforcement and our hospitals and ambulances. We need to have plenty of those to serve our growing population. Again, that goes hand in hand with the budget. We need to look at that closely and see how much we can afford to grow those services by looking closely at the budget, searching for grant monies to fund those projects. The budget is so important, everything revolves around our budget. Setting priorities on which projects and which issues need the help most urgently and still try to allocate funds to the ones that aren’t at the top of the list but still need to be addressed.”

What are your goals if elected? “I plan to work hand in hand with the commissioners to form a productive commission that isn’t working against each other but working to create synergy and for the good of the city. Once we can get the commissioners and the mayor working on the same page, I think we can get a lot of things done. So, my goals are to work on creating more jobs, bringing in investment from outside, also getting our downtown a face-lift, trying to get more businesses going downtown, creating an entertainment district not just for young adults but for the entire family, something for the parents, the children, the grandparents. Just working on our streets and our drainage issues. There’s so many things. I think that if we work together as a team instead of working against each other, the commissioners and the mayor can get a lot done.”

the city more business-friendly, bring more business to invest in the city and create jobs.”



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Members of the Game Over Club include (front row, from left) President Monico Rivas and Secretary Jonathan Lopez. Back row: Paulette Jimenez, Nestor Guevara, Rebecca Rangel, Marian Capistran, Pavel Hinev and Kani Canizalez.

Name: Game Over Club

Purpose: To promote the broadening of classic gameplay and how it affects modern gameplay.

Established: Fall 2009

President: Monico Guadalupe Rivas

Vice President: Valentin Rangel

Secretary: Jonathan Lopez

Treasurer: Nayelli Bautista

Adviser: English Associate Professor Therese Gallegos

Activities: Beach cleanup and Boo at

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Meetings: 3 to 7 p.m. every Friday in Student Union’s Salon Bougainvillea.

Requirements: Must be a UTB/TSC student.

Dues: None for new members; \$5 for the second and subsequent semesters

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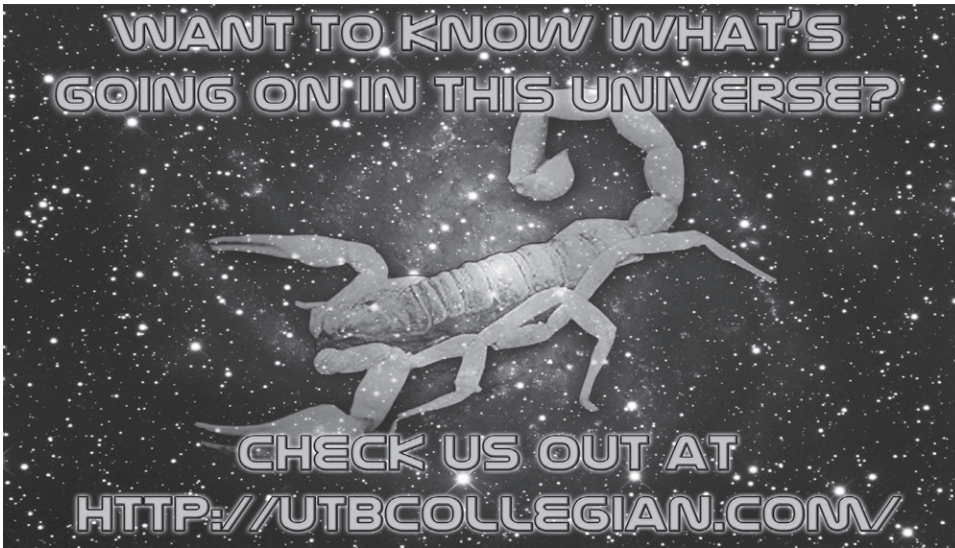
for our Student Union, I got that, it was my work. The bill that was necessary for our athletics fee, I got that. [UTB/TSC] President [Juliet V.] Garcia could be confident that if we needed a bill passed for the university, she knew I was on the job and working on it and I did not fail. The most difficult one of all was the athletics fee, so through my personal relationships with [state] Rep. [Rene] Oliveira and Sen. [Eddie] Lucio [Jr.] and Rep. [Eddie] Lucio [III], we got that passed. Those are major accomplishments. I bought ITECC, the [former] Amigoland Mall. ... I took the president to lunch one day and I said, ‘There’s a mall for sale, Amigoland Mall,’ and she said, ‘If you’re sure, go get it,’ and we did. ... The Texas Southmost College bond issue [election], the first one failed by just a few votes, and the second one passed. I was out there every single day, that’s my accomplishment. There’s always a team involved, and I don’t claim that I can do anything by myself, but there has to be a leader.”

What challenges face the city and district and how will you address them?

“We have one of the (if not the most) historic downtowns in the state of Texas. I think San Antonio is ahead of us because they have the Alamo. I mean, Dallas and Houston were pastures and Brownsville was a city, a town on the Rio Grande. We have the incredible architecture and history and culture and instead of protecting it and putting our arms around it and loving it and developing it for a tourist industry, we’re letting it fall down. We’re letting it literally crumble into *polvo* and that’s immoral. It’s immoral and unethical.

We also have neighborhoods, beautiful *barrios mexicanos* with history and we’re not protecting them. We’re letting them deteriorate and all that is in District 4. La Buena Vida neighborhood, for example, immediately adjacent to the college, that’s in District 4. I want to be an advocate for the incredible diversity of District 4, which ranges from the downtown to the old sections, all the way to the newest neighborhoods, like Quail Hollow. All the newest subdivisions on the west side, not the east side, up there on Alton Gloor and 802, they’re new but the way we’re going if we can’t protect the ones downtown, there’s not much hope for ones out there.”

What are your goals if elected? “Public safety and quality-of-life issues are at the top of my list, followed by examination and reorganization of governmental structure. We only have approximately half the number of police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel that we need for a city our size. We have to, we must rearrange, the budget in order to hire more personnel, train them, especially with the border violence going on. Our officers need modern equipment, the best equipment money can buy, and I’m an advocate for that. We need a new substation. We need police, fire and EMS substations out there on the north side. Brownsville has annexed a huge amount of territory but at the same time, it’s not taking care of it. You know, state law requires when you annex land you have to be able to provide services to it and we’re not doing that. I plan to dive into the budget and identify where the fat is. Identify where the things are that are simply not necessary or are too costly and find the money, the revenue to these issues.”



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them? “We need to balance the budget; we need more businesses investing in the city to generate more funds.”

What are your goals if elected? “Make

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Uplifting sounds from Symphony in the Park

By Cleiri Quezada
THE COLLEGIAN

Jazz and *paso doble* music delighted the ears of hundreds of people who attended Brownsville Literacy Center’s 13th annual “Symphony in the Park and All That Jazz” on the Student Union’s lawn April 16.

This year’s concert, titled “La Bella Noche,” featured performances by UTB/TSC’s Rio Bravo Wind Ensemble, One o’Clock Jazz Band and Banda Sinaloense La Kineña, plus the Los Fresnos High School Jazz Band and the Allegro Ballet School dancers.

Ricardo Marcos and his wife were among the concertgoers. Marcos said the event was perfect for a family outing.

“It’s spectacular what I am enjoying, you cannot imagine, de-stressing and wonderful,” Marcos said in Spanish. “Just listening to Spanish music, some jazz music, it’s very beautiful. I am really enjoying myself a lot.”

Attendees were encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and food to enjoy the music comfortably on the lawn. Some audience members also enjoyed alcoholic beverages.

The Los Fresnos High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Associate Band Director Andrew Salois, was the opening act with such compositions as “Sao Paulo Nights,” “Afro Blue” and “Pescados Frescos.”

The Rio Bravo Wind Ensemble, conducted by Allen Clark, played “El Relicario Paso Doble,” by Jose Padilla,



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Los Fresnos High School Jazz Band alto saxophonist William Szpak solos during the performance of “Firestorm” while Associate Director Andrew Salois conducts. Other groups that performed were the Rio Bravo Wind Ensemble, the UTB/TSC One O’Clock Jazz Band and the Allegro Ballet School Dancers.

“Pepita Greus,” a 1925 piece by Pascual Perez Chovi; “Second Suite for Band” and “El Camino Real,” by Alfred Reed; “Gallito Paso Doble,” by Santiago Lope Gonzalo; and, “Lola Flores Paso Doble,” by Terig Tucci.

The One O’Clock Jazz Band, under the direction of Patrick Trahan and David Isadore, performed “Nasty Blues,” by Pete McGuinness; “Come Fly With Me,” by Jimmy Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn; and, “Black Orpheus,” by Eric Richards.

Trahan said it was the first time he had seen so many people attend the concert.

“The event is real nice,” he said. “This is the first time I see the community in these big numbers come out to support the music stuff that we do here in the university.”

Sophomore music education major Christian Salinas, who plays the trombone for the One O’Clock Jazz Band, hopes to

inspire future UTB/TSC students to join the university’s music program.

“It’s like something they can look up to for later in the future,” Salinas told *The Collegian*. “They can be like, ‘Oh, I want to be like that young man in the UTB band,’ and I think we influence a lot of people to join music because music is everything to me, at least, so it brings happiness to people, a smile to their faces.”

He believes the concert is a great way to encourage residents to come together.

“I think everybody is enjoying it,” Salinas said. “It’s a good event where the community of Brownville can get together and see the different types of bands that UTB has and UTB has to offer for the community.”

During the intermission, groups of 8-, 12- and 13-year-olds and adults from the Allegro Ballet School Dancers, under the direction of Maria T. Sanchez, entertained

the audience with flamenco moves in “Dancing to El Torito” and “Dancing to Tango.” The teachers and adult dancers performed “Dancing to Sevillanas.”

The concert closed with a performance by Banda Sinaloense La Kineña.

Throughout the evening, 74 UTB/TSC environments in early childhood education undergraduate students and first and second language acquisition graduate students offered play activities to children in a designated kids’ activity area.

“This service-learning experience provided children an opportunity to learn social, emotional, problem-solving skills, as well as use their fine and gross motor skills, meeting new friends, and having a good time at the event,” Georgianna Duarte, a professor in the Curriculum and Instruction Department, told *The Collegian* via e-mail. “This event supports the important Convention on the Rights of the Young Child, Article 30, that all children have the right to play.”

The Brownsville Literacy Center is a nonprofit organization serving more than 1,000 adult students annually. This year, the center marked its 25th anniversary as a United Way agency.

According to the concert’s program, “Its mission is to promote literacy in the Brownsville area by providing appropriate and accessible education programs designed to meet the needs of undeserved adults.”

Volunteers help students read, write and speak English to further their education.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the organization.

A rousing rendition



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Mariachi Escorpión Director Antonio Briseño (left) and violinist José Antonio Delgadillo perform the *ranchera valsada* titled “Ahora me aguanto” Thursday night during the group’s fundraising concert in the UTB/TSC Arts Center. The concert also featured the UTB/TSC Estudiantina Azul y Fuego.

Practice makes perfect



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Junior criminal justice major Benisse Gomez (left) and Mindy Reyes, a secretary for the South Texas Engineering, Math and Science program, practice Zumba at the REK Center Tuesday night in preparation for World Zumba Record Day, scheduled Saturday at the Brownsville Sports Park.

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Tres líderes estudiantiles reciben reconocimientos por sus logros y comprometimiento

Por Héctor Aguilar

EDITOR DE ESPAÑOL

Cada semestre la oficina de la Decana de Estudiantes otorga un reconocimiento a aquellos estudiantes, líderes de UTB/TSC que se graduarán y han tenido algún impacto en la comunidad.

Este semestre se les otorgó el Anillo de Liderazgo Escorpión a Olga de León, una estudiante de educación musical de último año, a Michael Padrón, un estudiante de educación de último año y a Jorge Muñoz, un estudiante de psicología de último año.

Muñoz, es presidente de la Asociación de Gobierno Estudiantil (SGA) y terminará sus estudios este semestre. Recibirá el reconocimiento por su labor voluntaria en el campus y fuera del él y por su participación en el club *One World*, una organización estudiantil en la cual los estudiantes pueden conversar e intercambiar retroalimentación acerca de temas tabú.

Él dijo que la labor voluntaria le permite a uno “traspasar la cinta roja” y “llegar directamente a la fuente,” también le permite a uno poder experimentar las oportunidades que existen”.

“Cuando estás en el salón de clases, te enseñan teoría”, dijo Muñoz. “Lo único que te dicen es ‘si esto sucede, esto es lo que haces’. Sin embargo, a veces eso no siempre sucede. ...A veces nos enfrentamos con la realidad y la realidad no siempre es la historia de Cenicienta que vemos en las caricaturas. A veces surgen cosas inesperadas. ... Esto te da un poco de sentido de vida que un libro jamás te dará”.

Sus planes de posgraduación son de hacer una maestría en consejería comunitaria y trabajar de tiempo completo.

Uno de sus mayores logros fue el de restaurar la confianza que la gente le tiene a la SGA, comentó Muñoz.

A Olga de León también se le reconoció por su liderazgo. Ella asistió a escuelas en Laredo y San Antonio hasta que se encontró en Brownsville gracias a lo que ella llamó “la mejor decisión [por el] programa de música [de UTB/TSC]”.

La laredense se transfirió a UTB/TSC en 2008 y ha estado sumamente involucrada en eventos relacionados con la música a lo largo de su carrera universitaria. Las organizaciones de las que ha formado



MICHAEL PADRÓN



OLGA DE LEÓN



JORGE MUÑOZ

parte incluyen Educadores Aspirantes Musicales del Futuro, o (FAME en inglés), y Educadores Musicales Universitarios de Texas o (CTME en inglés) donde es la directora de operaciones internas y finanzas. Con la ayuda del Departamento de Música de UTB/TSC y su presidenta, Sue Zanne Urbis, y la Sociedad de Artes Escénicas de Brownsville, han fundado la Orquesta de Cuerdas de Retención de Músicos Artistas de Brownsville o (SMART Orchestra).

De León también les ha dado lecciones gratuitas de instrumentos de cuerdas a los estudiantes de las escuelas primarias de Castañeda y Skinner.

Después de darse cuenta de que no existían oportunidades para que los estudiantes se unieran a una orquesta al terminar la primaria en Brownsville, de León decidió hacer algo al respecto.

“Fue por eso que creé la orquesta SMART de Brownsville, para que los chicos tuvieran un lugar donde pudieran desahogar sus energías musicales por que en la primaria tienen instrumentos de cuerdas y después no pueden continuar”, dijo ella. “O se van a otro programa o dejan la música por completo”.

La Orquesta SMART de Brownsville está compuesta de 25 estudiantes, incluyendo a estudiantes de tercero de primaria a primero de secundaria y a estudiantes de UTB/TSC que tocan y enseñan a los miembros menores.

“Las actividades extracurriculares te diferencian de los demás”, dijo de León. “O sea, ¿por qué perder el tiempo jugando video juegos como lo hacías en la prepa [cuando] puedes hacer una diferencia? Aunque no lo creas, un estudiante universitario puede hacer una diferencia”.

De León, que va a graduarse en

diciembre de 2011, dijo que ella continuará luchando por la existencia de programas de orquesta de cuerdas en las secundarias y preparatorias y hará una maestría en UTB/TSC o trabajará en Harlingen.

Michael Padrón también va a graduarse en diciembre y ha formado parte de la Sociedad de Honor Nacional Alpha Chi, la Sociedad de Honor de Educación de Kappa Delta Pi, *Scorpion Scholars*, el Centro de Comprometimiento de estudiantes o *Center for Civic Engagement Scholars*, *Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges* y ha sido el presidente de C.H.A.N.G.E. Él también ha estado en la Lista de la Rectora y la Lista del Decano y ha recibido el Reconocimiento de Excelencia Escolástica en educación bilingüe.

Padrón cree que el estar involucrado en el campus le permite a uno saber más acerca de las organizaciones que están al alcance de los estudiantes y él obtiene un sentimiento de realización por su asistencia.

“Es bastante satisfactorio salir a ayudar a lugares como el Centro de Aprendizaje Buena Vida, el cual es para las familias menos afortunadas”, dijo. “Así que, es muy remunerador poder ver a esos niños divertirse contigo y ellos saben que hay alguien que los apoya. ... Me ha inspirado y he madurado mucho por medio de participación aquí en UTB”.

Después de graduarse, Padrón tiene planeado asistir a la Universidad de Texas en Austin y está buscando la manera de asistir a una escuela de derecho.

La tradición del Anillo de Liderazgo Estudiantil comenzó hace aproximadamente cinco años, dijo David Márquez, el coordinador de asuntos judiciales de la Oficina de la Decana de

Estudiantes.

“Es muy competitivo”, dijo Márquez. “Cuando leo estas solicitudes, digo, ‘wow, ¿cómo logran tener el tiempo?’ Ellos verdaderamente son los líderes del futuro, los que mueven y agitan a la comunidad. Encuentran la manera de hacerlo todo y por eso se merecen este reconocimiento”.

El reconocimiento no es particular de UTB/TSC.

“Es una práctica en muchas escuelas. ... Es una competencia, un concurso, para reconocer a los estudiantes que han sido líderes en el campus por medio de varias avenidas”, dijo Mari Fuentes-Martin, vicepresidenta asociada y decana de estudiantes. “Una [de las avenidas] es la académica. ...La otra es participación en el campus al igual que servicio”.

Existen tres aspectos cuando se considera a un líder de todo a todo: el comprometimiento en la escuela, el liderazgo, y los actos caritativos, dijo Fuentes-Martin.

Un comité de aproximadamente ocho miembros del profesorado y empleados evalúan los paquetes de solicitudes que entregan los solicitantes. Ellos deben haber completado por lo menos 75 créditos o estar por graduarse el mismo semestre o el siguiente, deben tener un promedio mínimo de 2.75 y deben entregar dos cartas de recomendación de profesores o empleados universitarios.

Muñoz, de León y Padrón recibirán sus anillos junto con otros estudiantes que van a graduarse durante la ceremonia de anillos que se llevará a cabo a las 5 p.m. el 6 de mayo en el Gran Salón de la Unión Estudiantil. El discurso principal lo dará la rectora de UTB/TSC Juliet V. García. Durante la ceremonia los respectivos decanos de las escuelas de cada estudiante presentarán a los ganadores del Anillo de Liderazgo Escorpión. Posteriormente los recipientes de los anillos meterán sus manos en una pila anaranjada con agua pintada de azul antes de recibir sus anillos.

“Pintamos el agua de azul y les pedimos a los estudiantes que metan sus manos. ... [El agua] te pinta la mano entonces, bromeo con los estudiantes y les digo que cuando les pregunten ¿qué te pasó en la mano? digan ‘recibí mi anillo’”, dijo Fuentes-Martin.

Estudiante de hoy



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

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Ciudad Natal: Barcelona, Cataluña, España

Promedio: 4.0

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Clasificación: Estudiante de cuarto año

Fecha de graduación: Mayo 2011

Reconocimientos: Lista de la Rectora: Otoño 2010.

Pasatiempos: “Me gusta mucho cocinar, estar con los amigos, ir al cine. Me gusta leer mucho y los deportes no me gustan mucho pero ir al gimnasio sí me gusta, si no estoy floja”.

Actividades extracurriculares: “Trabajo en la oficina de traducción e interpretación en el edificio Sur y ayudo al coordinador de traducción que es el doctor [José] Dávila. Él es el que lleva todo lo de traducción tanto [lo de la licenciatura] como [la maestría] y todo y allí estoy. También ayudo a una profesora de español, Ms. [Ana] Peña y pues yo le ayudo en sus cursos [en línea] de español. Le corrijo la tarea de sus alumnos”.

¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal? “Traductora de inglés y... cuando acabe seré traductora de inglés y alemán y de español, pero quiero seguir estudiando y quiero estudiar fotografía o diseño, diseño gráfico o de interiores, me gustaría mucho”.

¿Cuáles son tus metas? “Poder independizarme de mis papás. En España está muy difícil ahorita con la crisis [económica]. Los jóvenes lo tienen muy difícil para irse de casa y poder alquilar su [departamento] para ellos irse. Sobre todo, quiero encontrar un buen trabajo que me

guste y poder hacerme independiente”.

¿Cómo te ves dentro de 10 años? “Espero ya haber acabado de estudiar todo y pues como dije, tener un trabajo que disfrute, que me guste ir a trabajar y... quien sabe ya si estaré casada o no”.

¿Qué te gusta de la universidad? “Me gusta mucho el ambiente que hay de dos culturas, está muy bien porque al menos yo no he visto que haya racismo por parte de ninguna de las dos culturas. En cambio, en España hay mucho racismo, demasiado, porque hay mucha inmigración de todos los países de Suramérica y de Centroamérica y los españoles, no todos, pero muchos se afectan, como que ‘hay me quitan el trabajo’ o ‘les dan ayudas y a mí no’ y aquí no. Yo no veo que hayan peleas y que hay aceptación de las culturas y eso me gusta”.

¿Qué les aconsejarías a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso? “Que se lo tomen con calma y que no dejen las cosas para última hora o sea que vayan con calma pero al día y que aprovechen la vida de universitario que no dura mucho... para algunos”.

Anécdota: “Cuando llegué aquí, vi que ponían ‘resaca’ por muchas partes y yo como que, ¿qué es una resaca aquí? Y me dijeron pues es esto, como un laguito, y yo, ¡ah, o sea que eso es una resaca! Y un día no me acuerdo donde pusieron ‘Paseo de la Resaca’ bien grandote y dije, ¡Ay, me tengo que tomar una foto aquí! Porque resaca quiere decir ‘hangover’ en español de España, como que ‘estoy de resaca’ o ‘estoy bien crudo’ y me hace mucha gracia y siempre que lo veo me río”.

--Recopilado por Daniel Beltrán

Scorpion golf hosts conference tournament

Women’s golf takes second at NAIA National Qualifier

By Louie Vera
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red River Athletic Conference Tournament is in UTB/TSC’s backyard and the UTB/TSC Men’s Golf Team is hoping some home cooking will be the edge that helps them reach nationals.

Today the Scorpions, along with the rest of the conference, tee off for the 54-hole RRAC conference tournament on the South Padre Island Golf Course in Laguna Vista.

UTB/TSC will have the Cavazos trio of Marcus, Vince and freshman Eric along with juniors Anthony Milligan and Adam Haley representing the Scorpions.

First-year Coach Anthony Lopez said his team must attack pins and take advantage of the birdie holes to stay close to their conference rivals.

“The strategy is going to be the same,” Lopez said. “They’ve been practicing really hard all year and their focus has been on winning. This tournament will be the culmination of everything they’ve put in this season. I think if the team tries to go out and be conservative, we’re going to deviate from our game plan. The game plan is to make as many birdies as we can.”

At the 12th annual Sen. Eddie Lucio Tournament on Feb. 21 at the SPI golf course, the Scorpions finished third behind ninth-ranked Texas Wesleyan University, which shot a 628 total for 36 holes. UTB/TSC shot a 646, with Vince Cavazos earning third-place medalist by shooting consecutive 76s.

“My game feels pretty good right



Members of the UTB/TSC Men's Golf Team include brothers Vince Cavazos (from the left), Marcus Cavazos and Eric Cavazos. The trio along with teammates Adam Haley and Anthony Milligan hit the links today in the Red River Athletic Conference Tournament on the South Padre Island Golf Course in Laguna Vista.

now,” Vince Cavazos said. “I’ve had a couple decent practices [recently], and the tournament is on our home course so the team should feel comfortable about that. I did pretty well [in February] and the team got third the first time around. We just need to make a few adjustments and we’ll be right there. It’s 54 holes and you’ve got to bear down every shot and not worry about the nine holes and take it one shot at a time.”

The South Padre Island Golf Course is wide open and weather forecasts predict a windy 54-hole tournament for the golfers that could play directly into the hands of

the Scorpions’ favor.

“I think we’ll have a better chance of taking [the tournament],” Eric Cavazos said. “If there is no wind, it’ll just be a dart contest out there. If it’s windier, some of the other players won’t know what spots to hit it to around the course. I’m hoping it’s windy. I think it’ll give us a greater advantage.”

Haley qualified within the team to earn his spot in the five-player team and is coming off one of his better outings of the season April 5 in the Northwood University Spring Invitational at Thorntree Country Club in DeSoto. The junior posted

scores of 79, 83 and 78 to lead UTB/TSC while teammate Milligan posted a 54-hole total of 253.

The Scorpions will play 36 holes today, followed by 18 holes on Tuesday.

Women’s golf goes low at conference
The UTB/TSC Women’s Golf Team earned second place, posting its lowest team total of the season at 345 in the final round of the NAIA Unaffiliated # Qualifier Tournament at Rose Creek Golf Course in Edmond, Okla.

The 695 two-day total for the Scorpions was their best tournament by 26 shots in the 2010-11 campaign.

Elizabeth Garza led the team with an 82 in the final round and a total of 168 to cap off her outstanding freshman season. Teammate Krystal Garza fired an 82 in the opening round and ended the tournament with a total of 172.

Andrea Cadriel, who played in her final collegiate tournament for the Scorpions, improved six shots from her opening round to post an 84 for a 174 total.

Eneida Alonso finished with a 186, and Cat Lira shot a 195.

Northwood University won the tournament and will continue its season at the NAIA Women’s Golf National Championship May 17-20 in Greenville, Tenn.

“These girls were focused from the get-go,” Lopez said. “You could see it in the practice round and playing hard and learning the course better than they’ve ever learned it. The girls were hungry and they wanted to play well and that’s exactly what they did.”

Lopez has been diligently recruiting and looking to add depth to his team, which is only losing one player for next season.

“I’m working on a few signings and coupled with the team we have now, we’re going to be dangerous next year,” he said. “We’re going to be a good team next year and I’m really looking forward to the future of the program.”

Scorpions seek revenge against RGV rival Broncs

By Louie Vera
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTB/TSC Baseball Team will get one more chance to sharpen up for the Red River Athletic Conference Tournament against Rio Grande Valley rival University of Texas-Pan American Tuesday night in Edinburg.



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Scorpion outfielder Jorge Camorlinga tries to beat the throw to first base during the game against Louisiana State University-Shreveport on April 16 at Scorpion Field. The Scorpions lost the game, 8-1.

Results for its final conference series of the season against the University of Southwest were unavailable at press time. A win against the Broncs will either break a school record for wins in a season or add to it.

The Scorpions tied the record at 31 wins April 15 by defeating No. 5-ranked Louisiana State University-Shreveport 5-0, with senior hurler Danny Gidora tossing his fourth gem, adding to his stellar season that would earn him a fifth RRAC Pitcher of the Week honors.

“As a team we beat the No. 5 nationally ranked team,” Gidora said. “I think that sends a message to everyone in the country that we can hang with anybody if our mentalities are correct and we play as a team.”

UTB/TSC went into the series against Southwest tied for fourth in itsconference with a 31-19 record overall and an 18-9 mark in league play. The Scorpions will be in either the third or fourth position heading into the conference tournament April 30-May 3 at Louisiana State’s Pilot Field to face Texas Wesleyan University regardless of which spot they earn.

“I think we are close to where we need to be,” outfielder Matt Warner said. “We’re going to set that record.

Our goal is to go 4-0 the last four games and keep going on from there heading into conference.”

Third-year Coach Bryan Aughney is looking forward to finishing the season strong to gain momentum for a national title run.

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“Biggest thing is not only W’s but our style of play,” Aughney said. “We’ve got to get dialed in and play like it’s tournament time. Danny threw really well, and so did our other pitchers. I was pleased to see our mental adjusts [against LSLU] and playing with a little more heightened intensity. It’s definitely what we’re going to need [against UTPA] and create that habit going into the conference tournament.”

The Broncs have had an up-and-down season, posting a 16-13 record heading into its weekend series against Northern Colorado University.

If history is any indicator, the

matchup against the Broncs doesn’t bode well for the Scorpions as UTPA is 5-0 against UTB/TSC the last three seasons, including a 4-3 win on Feb. 22. Opposing teams have also had trouble finding wins at Edinburg Baseball Stadium as UTPA has a 14-4

home record.

“It’ll be good for us to go on the road and play in a hostile environment,” Aughney said. “I’m not sure how well they’re doing but they are a quality opponent. We will use that outing to set up our rotation for the conference tournament, so we’ve got to make sure everyone is fresh and use that as a tuneup game. Of course, you want to go in there and take care of the W but the main thing going in there is playing clean baseball and getting our pitching set up for conference.”

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HOURS: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon. to Fri., 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Sat.

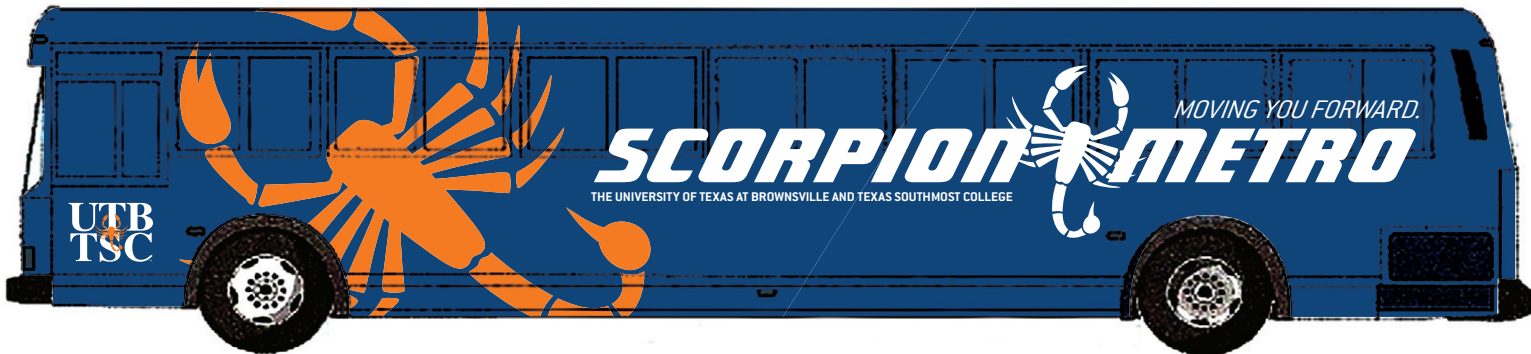
LOCATION	TIME
MRCN	00, 25, 30 and 55 minutes after the hour
B.U.S. Terminal	04, 21, 34 and 54 minutes after the hour
B&M Bridge	08, 17, 38 and 47 minutes after the hour
Amigoland Event Center	10, 15, 40 and 45 minutes after the hour
ITECC	12 and 42 minutes after the hour


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The Circulator travels around the UTB/TSC Fort Brown Campus only and stops every 10 minutes.

HOURS: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

LOCATION	TIME
MRCN	every 10 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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REK Center	every 10 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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